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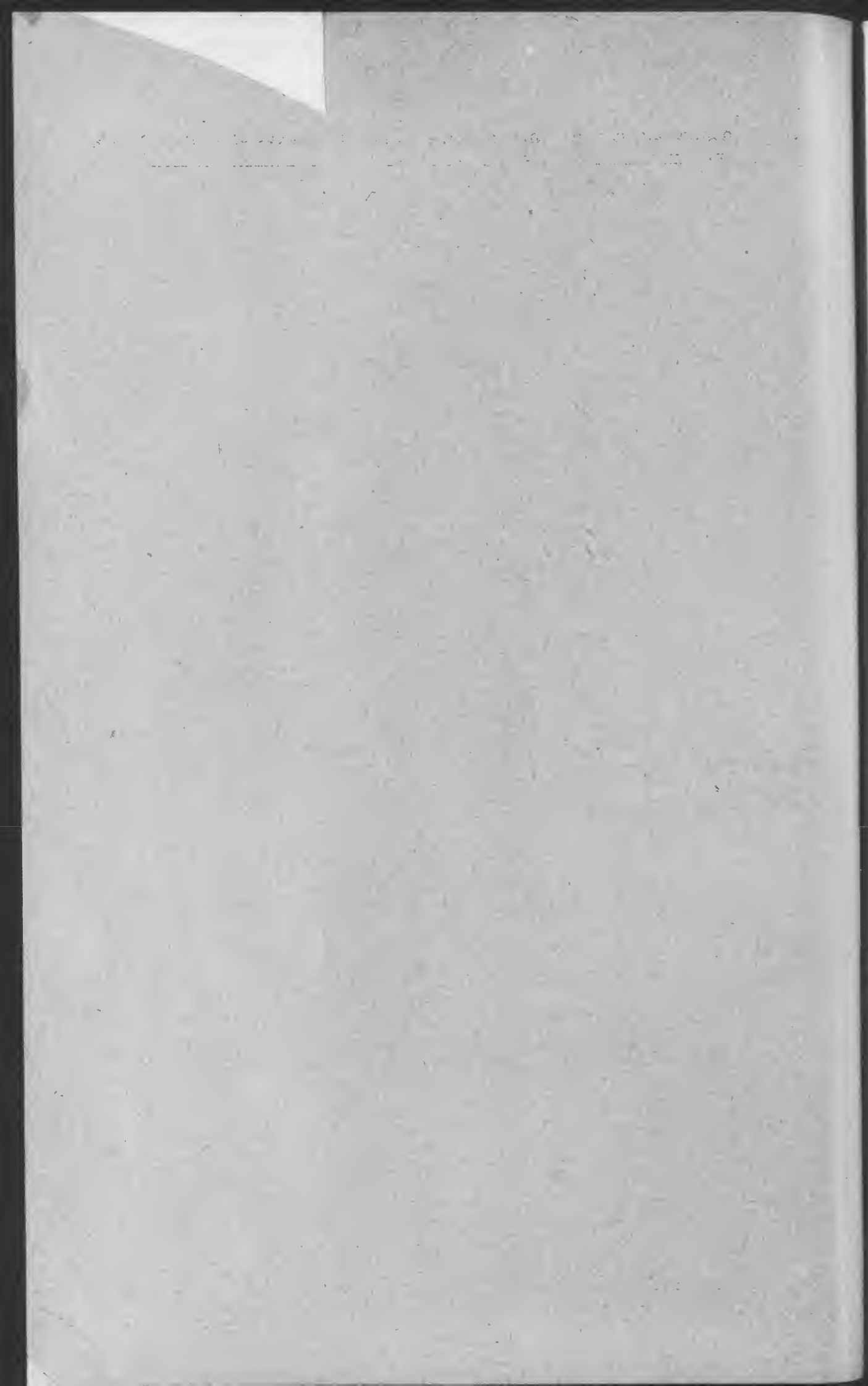
TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal
Church, South.



SIXTIETH SESSION



MINUTES

OF THE

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OF THE

Texas Annual Conference

OF THE

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SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

METHODIST CHURCH.

- 9 a. m. Love feast led by F. L. Allen.
- 11 a. m. Bishop R. K. Hargrove. Ordination of Deacons.
- 3 p. m. Memorial session. Ordination of Elders.
- 7 p. m. H. M. Whaling.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

- 11 a. m. E. P. Newsom.
- 7 p. m. F. B. Sinex.

LIVE OAK STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

- 11 a. m. C. J. Oxley.
- 7 p. m. C. B. Garrett.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

- 11 a. m. W. D. Bradfield.
- 7 p. m. J. B. Sears.

COURT HOUSE.

- 3 p. m. Service for Men. Nath. Thompson.

PART I.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—H. M. Sears, president; C. U. McLarty, secretary, John Ilfrey, treasurer; C. A. Hooper, J. W. McMahan, J. M. Adams, A. J. Brown, J. E. Crawford, John Sullock.

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Committees of Examination and Classes for 1899-1900.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL.—Seth Ward, W. Wootton, J. B. Cochran.

FIRST YEAR.—O. T. Hotchkiss, I. M. Bryce, F. E. Hammond.

CLASS.—William W. Edgar (L. D.), E. L. Ingram, Mark L. Dickey, Calvin H. Adams, George W. Davis.

SECOND YEAR.—J. B. Sears, J. L. Massey, E. L. Shettles.

CLASS.—Robert C. George (L. D.), Lemuel M. Neel, Benjamin L. Glazener (L. D.), David Knox Porter, A. L. Boyd (E.).

THIRD YEAR.—D. H. Hotchkiss, Jas. Kilgore, T. S. Williford.

CLASS.—Nathan Powell (L. E.), John C. Cameron, John W. Bergin, John R. Warlick, M. E. Diehl, Willis E. Washburn, Ellie C. Keith.

FOURTH YEAR.—E. W. Solomon, G. A. Le Clere, W. D. Bradfield.

CLASS.—George R. Ray.

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CLERICAL.—S. W. Thomas, F. O. Favre, W. Wootton, F. E. Hammond, C. A. Hooper.

LAY.—John Ilfrey, B. D. Orgain, J. D. Campbell, John E. Crawford, W. W. Adickes.

Visiting Committees for 1899-1900.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.—Nathan Powell, G. H. Collins.

CHAPPELL HILL FEMALE COLLEGE.—Jas. Kilgore, J. W. Bergin.

Joint Board of Publication of Texas Christian Advocate.

J. B. Sears, Seth Ward, W. W. Adickes.

Curators Southwestern University.

A. E. Goodwyn, Seth Ward, E. W. Solomon, O. T. Hotchkiss, E. S. Smith.

Trustees Chappell Hill Female College and Dates of Expirations of Terms.

1900.—J. M. Nicholson, Rev. E. W. Tarrant, Rev. J. W. Horn, Rev. C. H. Brooks, Rev. J. C. Mickle.

1901.—H. C. Brandt, treasurer; T. A. Mercer, J. D. Campbell, A. W. Toland, Rev. E. W. Solomon, Rev. G. S. Sandel, C. H. Cocke, secretary.

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San Antonio Rescue Home.—C. J. Oxley, Galveston, Texas.

Money collected for any of the above boards should be sent to the treasurer of said board.

Lay Delegates.

HOUSTON DISTRICT.

E. D. Chase, I. T. Reynolds, John Ilfrey, E. P. Hamblen.

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A. M. Hill, J. W. Robbins, D. W. Gardner, J. S. Smith.

BRENHAM DISTRICT.

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CALVERT DISTRICT.

H. Neeley, J. E. Crawford, S. W. Dean, S. H. Johnson.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

T. C. Foster, M. D. Cole, W. L. Dean, J. H. Sullock.

PART II.

Abstracts of Proceedings.

The Texas Annual Conference of the M. E. Church South, met in its sixtieth annual session in the Methodist Church in Marlin, Texas, December 6, 1899, at 9 o'clock a. m., Bishop R. K. Hargrove, D. D., presiding, and adjourned sine die Monday, December 11, 1899, at 11 o'clock a. m. The organization of the body was effected by the election of Seth Ward as Secretary, with D. H. Hotchkiss and Chas. A. Hooper Assistants. J. R. Murray and J. W. Bergin were elected statistical secretaries.

First Day, December 6, 1899.

INTRODUCTION. Rev. G. C. Rankin, editor *Texas Christian Advocate*, Rev. H. M. Whaling, D. D., Rev. P. L. Cobb, representing the Board of Missions, Rev. R. S. Collier of the Louisiana Conference, Rev. F. B. Sinex, Financial Agent of Southwestern University, and W. C. Everett, representing the Book Agents, were introduced to the Conference and invited to the courtesies of the floor.

QUESTION 20. When the name of H. M. Haynie was called under this question, and his report was made, at his request his name was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation. When the name of H. G. Williams was called, the Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss reported that during the year a committee had been appointed to investigate charges involving the moral character of Brother Williams, and that the committee has reported a trial necessary. The Chair appointed the following Committee of Trial in the case: C. H. Brooks, Chairman; J. W. McMahan, J. W. Holt, T. B. Graves, H. C. Willis, E. G. Hocutt, C. L. Farrington, H. R. Kimbler. It was announced that T. S. Williford would represent the church, and J. B. Cochran would appear for the accused. C. B. Garrett was elected one of the secretaries of the Conference for the service of the committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD. Chas. U. McLarty, John Ilfrey and

John Sullock were elected to the Sunday School Board in places of J. C. Mickle, J. V. Dealy and C. G. Vickers, respectively.

Second Day, December 7, 1899.

ALTERNATE RECOGNIZED. R. W. Hamlet and J. F. Brady, alternate delegates, were recognized in places of J. S. Smith and H. Neely, principals, who were absent.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE. In connection with the calling, under Question 20, of the name of James Kilgore, who was absent because of bereavement in the death of his little child, resolutions expressing the sympathy of the Conference with him, and with Brothers Bradfield and Favre, who have sustained like bereavement during the year, were passed by unanimous vote.

LOCATIONS GRANTED. L. P. Davis and W. C. Bracewell were granted locations at their own requests.

LOCAL DEACONS' CREDENTIALS SURRENDERED. The credentials of Robert T. Blackburn, a local deacon, were surrendered and filed with the Conference archives.

INTRODUCTIONS. Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, of the N. W. Texas Conference, and Rev. W. L. Smith, resident rector of the Episcopal Church, were introduced to the Conference.

Third Day, December 8, 1899.

INTRODUCTIONS. Revs. T. J. Duncan and R. V. Galloway, of the N. W. Texas Conference, Dr. J. M. Moore and Rev. Nathan Thompson of the West Texas Conference, Prof. L. F. Smith, President of Chappell Hill Female College, and Prof. R. S. Hyer, Regent of Southwestern University, were introduced to the Conference.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF TRIAL. The Committee of Trial in the case of H. G. Williams, reported as follows: "We, your committee, find the defendant, H. G. Williams, guilty of 'Improper Action,' and assess his punishment at a reprimand by the Bishop at the bar of the Conference."

"(Signed) C. H. BROOKS, Chairman.

"C. B. GARRETT, Secretary."

The Bishop called Brother Williams to the altar of the church and reprimanded him.

ADDRESSES. Dr. J. M. Moore, representing the San Antonio

Rescue Home, and Rev. W. H. Vaughan, Manager of the Texas Methodist Orphanage, spoke to the Conference of these institutions and their needs.

Fourth Day, December 9, 1899.

Morning Session.

INTRODUCTION. The Rev. Jno. R. Nelson of the N. W. Texas Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

ADDRESSES. Prof. R. S. Hyer, Regent, and Rev. F. B. Sinex, Financial Agent of Southwestern University, and Prof. L. F. Smith of Chappell Hill Female College, addressed the Conference concerning the work of the institutions represented by them. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, representing the Dallas Rescue Home, was introduced and spoke of the work in which she was engaged.

LOCATION RECONSIDERED. On motion of E. W. Solomon, the action of the Conference by which W. C. Bracewell was granted a location was reconsidered, and his name was referred for the super-numerary relation.

ADDRESSES. Dr. G. C. Rankin, editor of the *Texas Christian Advocate*, and W. C. Everett, Manager of the Dallas Branch of our Publishing House, addressed the Conference pending the adoption of the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

AFTERNOON SESSION ORDERED. An afternoon session, to convene at 3 o'clock, was ordered.

Afternoon Session.

PRESIDENT. Dr. E. S. Smith, by assignment of the Bishop, presided at the afternoon session.

ADDITIONS TO BOARD OF MISSIONS. C. J. Oxley, E. L. Shettles, John Ilfrey and J. M. Foster were added to the Board of Missions.

REPORTS. Various reports were read and acted upon. The Joint Board of Finance distributed the fund for the claimants.

MEMORIAL SESSION. On motion of C. H. Brooks it was ordered that when the Conference adjourn it be to meet tomorrow (Sunday) at 3 p. m., to hold a Memorial Session.

Fifth Day, December 10, 1899.

Memorial Session.

The Conference met in Memorial Session, Sunday, December 10, at 3 p. m., Bishop Hargrove in the chair. E. W. Solomon read the

Scripture, hymn 878 was sung, and W. K. Turner offered prayer. Question 19 was called: What preachers have died this year? H. M. Sears, for the Committee on Memoirs, read the memoir of Rev. John H. Davidson, who died June 8, 1899. Quite a number of brethren spoke to the report, paying unstinted tribute to the stainless character and earnest spirit of our deceased brother. The report was then unanimously adopted.

The session adjourned with the service of the ordination of elders.

Sixth Day, December 11, 1899.

Final Session.

REPORTS. The reports of several Boards were received and acted on. The Statistical Secretary read his report, and a number of minute questions were thereby answered.

RESOLUTIONS. Resolutions of thanks were adopted, the minutes were read and approved, and after the appointments were read, the doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

PART III.

Condensed Minutes, 1899.

1. Who are admitted on trial? E. L. Ingrum, Mark L. Dickey, Calvin H. Adams, George W. Davis.
2. Who remain on trial? Robert C. George, (L. D.) Lemuel M. Neel, Benjamin L. Glazener, (L. D.) David Knox Porter, William W. Edgar (in class first year), A. Lee Boyd (E.)
3. Who are discontinued? None.
4. Who are admitted into full connection? Nathan Powell (L. E.), John C. Cameron, John W. Bergin (L. D.), John R. Warlick (L. D.), M. E. Diehl.
5. Who are readmitted? Dempsey W. Gardner.
6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? R. S. Colier, an elder from the Louisiana Conference.
7. Who are the deacons of one year? George R. Ray, and Ellie C. Keith and Willis E. Washburn in class of third year.
8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Madison E. Diehl, John C. Cameron.
9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Madison E. Diehl, John C. Cameron.
10. What local preachers are elected deacons? William T. Stanford.
11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? William T. Stanford.
12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Charles U. McLarty, R. E. Nunn.
13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Charles U. McLarty, R. E. Nunn, and Ira B. Gordon who was ordained by Bishop C. B. Galloway ad interim.
14. What local preachers are elected elders? James T. Huffman.

15. What local preachers are ordained elders? James T. Huffmaster.

16. Who are located this year? L. P. Davis, at his own request.

17. Who are supernumerary? W. C. Bracewell.

18. What are superannuated? F. A. McShan, D. H. Linebaugh, W. K. Turner, W. G. Nelms, T. W. Blake, Gideon Powledge, Wesley Smith, G. C. Stovall, H. V. Philpott, A. E. Goodwyn, H. M. Haynie.

19. What preachers have died during the past year? John H. Davidson.

20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and administration? All were pronounced blameless, except H. G. Williams, who was found guilty of imprudent conduct, and by order of committee reprimanded by the Chair.

21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 93; members, 23,359.

22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 759.

23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 765.

24. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 62.

25. What is the number of Epworth League members? 1957.

26. What is the number of Sunday schools? 188.

27. What is the number of Sunday school teachers? 1441.

28. What is the number of Sunday school scholars? 11,567.

29. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? An amount equal to eight per cent. on the assessed salaries of the preachers in charge.

30. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$4107.51 collected, and the same distributed to claimants.

31. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign, \$4293.46; Domestic, \$3847.80.

32. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$1613.80.

33. What has been done for the American Bible Society? \$104.75.

34. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$7097.23; preachers in charge, \$53,554.15.

35. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$883.25.

36. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 243; number of houses of worship, 181.

37. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$339,005; indebtedness, \$1466.

38. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 93; number of parsonages, 78.

39. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$78,156; indebtedness, \$2836.81.

40. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 5; number of district parsonages, 1.

41. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$1100; indebtedness, \$———.

42. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged, 3; amount of damage, \$350.

43. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$———; loss sustained, \$———; premiums paid, \$———; collections on losses, \$———.

44. What are the educational statistics? Southwestern University: Professors and teachers, 22; pupils, 426; property, \$140,000. Chappell Hill Female College: Professors and teachers, 7; pupils, 70; property, \$12,000.

45. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Rockdale, Texas.

46. Where are the preachers stationed this year?
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Appointments for 1900.

Houston District.

PRESIDING ELDER—O. T. HOTCHKISS, 4.*

- Houston—Shearn, E. W. Solomon, 1.
 Washington Street, Ira M. Bryce, 1.
 McKee Street, Jno. E. Green, 2.
 Tabernacle, H. C. Willis, 1.
 McAshan and City Mission, J. R. Warlick, 1 (III.).
- Galveston—St. John's, W. D. Bradfield, 4.
 St. James, C. J. Oxley, 3.
 West End, S. F. Chambers, 2.
- Richmond, S. W. Thomas, 3. Alvin, J. W. Bergin, 2, (III).
 Columbia and Brazoria, J. W. Angleton, J. R. Murray, 1.
 Harmon, 1. Matagorda, J. J. Calloway, 4.
 Wharton and Hungerford, B. J. El Campo, E. L. Ingram, 1, (I).
 Guess, 1. Harrisburg and Bay Shore, to
 Cedar Bayou, T. R. Cain, 1. be supplied by J. J. Creed.
 Rosenberg, supplied by S. W. Secretary of Education, Seth
 Warner, 1, (L. D.). Ward, 1.
 Dickinson, J. L. Russell, 2. Student Southwestern Univer-
 Dayton, supplied by G. T. New- sity, B. L. Glazener, 1, (II),
 berry, 1. (L. D.).
 Sandy Point, J. C. Stewart, 1.

Austin District

PRESIDING ELDER—G. A. LE CLERE, 2.

- Austin—Tenth Street, H. M. Whaling, 2.
 Hotchkiss Memorial, C. B. Garrett, 1.
 First Street, W. T. McDonald, 1.
 South Austin, W. R. Campbell, 1.
- Merrilltown and Walnut, E. A. Webberville, A. J. Anderson, 1.
 Potts, 1. West Point, J. W. Kelly, 2.
 Bastrop, Nathan Powell, 2, (III), McDade, R. C. George, 2, (II),
 (L. E.). (L. D.).

La Grange, C. H. Brooks, 1.	Smithville, R. W. Adams, 1.
Manor, F. O. Favre, 1.	Columbus, J. W. McMahan, 2.
Elgin, E. G. Hocutt, 1.	Cedar Creek, W. E. Washburne.
Weimar and Osage, W. F. Brinson, 3.	1, (III).
Flatonia, J. M. Adams, 1.	Cypress, supplied by D. W. Perkins.
Eagle Lake, R. E. Nunn, 2.	Student Southwestern University, G. W. Davis, 1, (I).
Manchaca, W. D. Gaskins, 2.	

Brenham District.

PRESIDING ELDER—J. B. COCHRAN, 1.

Brenham, J. L. Massey, 2.	Chappell Hill, J. W. Horn, 1.
Bellville, M. E. Diehl, 1, (III).	Giddings, M. F. Daniel, 3.
Caldwell, W. Wootton, 1.*	Sealy, A. L. Boyd, 1, (II), (E.).
Lycns, J. M. Crutchfield, 1.	Milano, H. T. Hart, 1.
Lexington, Ira B. Gordon, 1.	Cameron, Jas. Kilgore, 1.
Cameron Circuit, J. L. Yeats, 1.	Rockdale, G. H. Collins, 1.
Maysfield, H. R. Kimbler, 2.	Ben Arnold, J. W. Cullen, 1.
Pleasant Hill, H. G. Williams, 1.	Davilla, R. S. Colier, 1.
Pattison, M. L. Lindsey, 1.	

Calvert District.

PRESIDING ELDER—H. M. SEARS, 2.

Calvert, J. B. Sears, 1.	Bremond and Reagan, T. S.
Hearne and Wheelock, C. L.	Williford, 1.
Farrington, 1.	Marlin, D. H. Hotchkiss, 1.
Lott, J. I. McIver, 1.	Rosebud, S. P. Brown, 3.
Durango, F. E. Hammond, 1.	Franklin, E. S. Smith, 1.
Franklin Circuit, W. W. Edgar,	Mt. Vernon, C. H. Adams, 1,
3, (I), (L. D.).	(I.)
Petteway, E. C. Keith, 1, (III.)	Jewett, W. H. Brooks, 3.
Kosse, D. K. Porter, 2, (II.)	Fairfield, J. W. Holt, 3.
Freestone, M. L. Dickey, 1, (I.)	Rogers Prairie, J. W. Thom-
Centreville, C. M. Thompson, 3.	son, 1.
Leon, D. W. Gardner, 1.	Buffalo and Oakwoods, B. W.
Conf. Sec. Missions, J. B.	Allen, 2.
Sears, 1.	

Huntsville District.

PRESIDING ELDER—J. C. MICKLE.

Huntsville, E. P. Newsom, 2.	Anderson, G. S. Sandel, 2.
Navasota, C. A. Hooper, 2.	Courtney and Plantersville, E.
Waller, C. E. Simpson, 2.	M. Myers, 1.
Dodge, L. M. Neel, 1, (II.)	Conroe, T. B. Graves, 1.
Prairie Plains, J. C. Moore, 2.	Madisonville, C. U. McLarty, 1.
Hempstead, G. H. Phair, 2.	Zion, G. R. Ray, 1, (IV.).
Bryan, E. L. Shettles, 1.	Millican, J. P. Skinner, 1.
Cold Springs, W. T. Melugin,	Willis, F. L. Allen, 1.
1.	Montgomery, W. W. Horner, 2.
Conroe, Cir. J. C. Cameron, 1,	Chaplain State Penitentiary at
(III.)	Huntsville, S. H. Morgan.

*NOTE.—The Arabic numeral following each name indicates this year to be the first, second, third or fourth year of the present appointment.

Roman numerals indicate undergraduates, and the class of each one.

Letters in parentheses refer to ministerial orders.

PART IV.

Board of Education.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.—We note with pleasure the growth and continued prosperity of our central institution of learning. Our Curators report their renewed confidence in the management and conduct of the affairs of the University. The health of the teachers and students has been good. Not only have there been no deaths, but for four years there has not been a single case of serious illness. There have been no epidemics of any kind among the students, and this exemption has doubtless been due to the institution's isolation from the greater railroad lines. Harmony and good order have been maintained; attributable, in part, to the absence of the saloon influence. It has been a year of gracious spiritual results. Only a small per cent. of the students failed to manifest great interest in the revival held in our church this spring. With scarcely an exception, the young ladies of the Annex are members of the church. The efforts of our scholarly and consecrated faculty, in thus seeking to instruct our sons and daughters in the knowledge of Christ, as well as in the principles of learning, meet with our hearty approval, for education without Christ is a lamentable failure in so far as the development of true manhood and womanhood is concerned.

The enrollment in the several departments of the University during the past year has been 426, an increase of thirty-four over the previous year. This increase was last year almost entirely limited to the Fitting School. We are glad to report, however, that at present, while the increase over the corresponding time last year is forty-seven, this increase is confined almost entirely to the collegiate department. A large amount of free tuition has been given by the University. Among the number of those receiving free instruction last year were fifty-four young men who are preparing for the ministry. Twenty-four per cent. of the students during the past year have received free tuition.

Giddings Hall, we are glad to state, continues to prove a valuable aid to the University in the way of providing comfortable homes for

students of limited means. Seventy-two young men have boarded at the Hall during the year.

The Curators further report that the course of study of the University has been raised, the entrance requirements in English and Mathematics having been increased by about a half a year, and the course of study leading to the B. S. degree having been raised until the work demanded is equal to that required for B. A. The A. M. has been made a post-graduate degree, conforming, in this respect, to the usage of other high grade institutions of the country. In the various departments a considerable amount of elective work is offered.

The General Board of Education, in classifying the various educational institutions of the church, have recognized but eight colleges as fully meeting all the conditions for a first class college as laid down by the Educational Commission appointed by our last General Conference. We are glad to report that our Southwestern University is one of the eight.

It is a matter for congratulation that the number of young ladies—sixty eight—who have boarded in the Annex during the past year, is the largest in the history of the institution. The courses of study in the literary department of the Annex are the same as those of the University, and lead to the same degrees. The advantages of this branch of the University are of the highest order. We heartily commend it to those desiring to give their daughters the advantages of a liberal education.

We rejoice to report that the new University building, admitted to be the handsomest school structure among all our Southern Methodist Colleges, is nearing completion. The funds necessary for the completion of the building have not yet been secured in full. We appreciate the untiring labors of the Financial Agent, Rev. F. B. Sinex, and urge the brethren to co-operate with him in carrying the work on to a successful consummation. We recommend that the Conference endorse the action of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern University in borrowing \$15,000 to meet their obligations incurred in the erection of the building.

CHAPPELL HILL FEMALE COLLEGE.—This institution, we are glad to report, has had a very prosperous year, and has had the largest enrollment of any year under the present administration. The total

attendance up to date this year is seventy, forty of whom have boarded in the College Home, while several others have boarded with relatives in the town. More than one-third of the young ladies are in the "Industrial Department," working for board and tuition in whole or in part.

The Commercial Department, recently organized, in which is taught bookkeeping, stenography, typewriting, etc., is already almost self-sustaining. Other departments of the College have been well patronized. Repairs and improvements are being made that the buildings may become more comfortable and convenient.

We are glad to report that by the sale of the Soule University property Chappell Hill Female College has been entirely relieved of debt. Additional property to the value of \$600 has been purchased and paid for.

We recommend that the Board of Trustees so adjust the course of study as to make it conform to the requirements of the General Board of Education for secondary schools, and that the same be correlated with our central institution, Southwestern University. We recommend that the Bishop appoint Rev. Seth Ward as Secretary of Education, and that the Board of Education fix and provide for his salary. We recommend further, that Revs. G. W. Davis and B. L. Glazner be appointed as students at the Southwestern University.

We recommend that the assessment for Payne and Lane Institutes be as heretofore, \$250.

We recommend that the assessment for education be as heretofore, \$1685, to be distributed pro rata (provided for by No. 412 of New Discipline), as follows: One hundred and eighty-five dollars for General Board; \$1500 to be divided between Southwestern University and the salary account of Rev. Seth Ward in such a way as that the salary fund may receive \$500 of the amount collected.

The collection for Payne and Lane Institutes is \$154.30; less for printing minutes, \$——.

The educational collection, which, according to 412 of New Discipline, is to be combined into one fund and apportioned pro rata, \$1209.45, less \$—— for printing minutes. \$——, divided as follows: General Board, \$142.30; Southwestern University, \$789.12.

We have received from the Sunday School Board \$12.12, it being ten per cent. of the collection on Children's Day, which is ordered to

be remitted to the Secretary of the General Board of Education; and that we have also received from the Sunday School Board \$61.84, which we recommend to be appropriated in part payment of salary and expenses of our Conference Secretary of Education, Rev. Seth Ward.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.—Your Board of Education wishes most heartily to emphasize this movement, so wisely projected by our late General Conference. We feel that in view of the heroic history and marvelous progress of Methodism made under the providence of God during the century now rapidly drawing to a close, a thank offering of one million, five hundred thousand dollars is but a just, though feeble, expression of our gratitude to Almighty God. The years back of us, so marked with signal victories of the church militant, call to us loudly "to lift up the hands, strengthen the feeble knees, make straight the paths" that our beloved Methodism may march on in the name of Christ to victories and conquests grander than we have yet known. The years before us promise perils and responsibilities new and great. If the church is to retain "seats for the humble" she must lay hold of the "seats of the mighty." The church must dominate the men that dominate the world. The intellectual life of the new century must be energized and quickened by the spirit of Christ. This is to be done largely through the medium of Christian education. It is a well-known fact that no class are more easily reached by the gospel than the undergraduates in our colleges and universities, while no class is, perhaps, more difficult thus to reach than those who have graduated and entered upon their life's work. An eminent authority has said, that the great majority of the graduates of our institutions of learning enter upon their careers with their stock of ideas furnished for life. The church must not only have an educated ministry, men who are able to lay bare the sophistries of skepticism; who can challenge, assault, and put to route the spirit of materialism; who can speak with authority on those problems and questions which an inquiring age is propounding, and who, withal, can hold up a Divine and Crucified Christ as the panacea for the social and moral ills of the world, as the Rock of Refuge of a sinning, doubting people—but she must touch every center and every field of thought and influence. While, therefore, this Twentieth Century Fund is an expression of

gratitude to God for past blessings, it is also intended to meet an urgent necessity of the future. And in devoting this fund to the strengthening and the better equipping of our institutions of learning, the church is but girding herself for the future conquest of the world for Christ.

We commend the following timely words of the Secretary of our General Board of Education: "In view of the unusual requirements now being made of the General Board, and of the Annual Conference Board of Education, in connection with the Twentieth Century movement, special efforts will have to be made by us during the coming year. We cannot afford to in any way prove ourselves unworthy the great trust committed to us by our beloved church. Her honor, and that of her Lord, are involved in this movement. The great divisions of the Methodist army are sweeping down to the close of the century victoriously—the M. E. Church, with its thank offering of twenty million; the Wesleyan, with theirs of five million; the Irish, the New Zealand, the Australian, the Canadian Methodist, all and each, with their thank offerings. Soon we shall join them at the place where two centuries meet. It is with us to say whether Southern Methodism shall come full handed, in the flush of victory, or with shame and confusion of face. Whatever organization and work can accomplish, we must do. The trust has been committed; it has been accepted. We must be true to it. Each pastoral charge must be divided into small bands, and a leader must be put in charge of each band, charged with the duty of prayerful and earnest instruction, the sowing of seed, the distribution of literature, the dissemination of information, the creation of sentiment. This movement cannot be made to succeed by a few gifted speakers. These have an important part to perform, but there must be many busy workers who cannot speak in public, and who can yet lay this matter on the hearts of the many."

Your Board urges upon the pastors to secure subscriptions to the *New Century Education*, a worthy publication sent out by the General Board at the small price of ten cents a year. We urge, also, upon the pastors the importance of buying one or more of the works on education recommended by the Board. The pastors must instruct themselves if they are to be able to instruct the people.

In the language of our General Secretary, "Above all, and always,

let us keep in mind that this is God's own work, and according to His chosen plan; it is the effort the church is making to apply 'the nurture and admonition of the Lord' in the formation of the character of her children. He is for us, and who can be against us? It may seem impossible to men that a gift from each of our many members should be gotten for this cause in the time allotted to us, but it is not unreasonable according to Divine logic, 'the things that are impossible to men, are possible to God.' "

We recommend that the three-fourths, or the whole, of the Twentieth Century Fund left at the disposal of this Conference be appropriated to the Southwestern University for buildings, endowment or equipment, to any and all of these purposes as the Board of Trustees may elect, unless otherwise directed by the donors.

We recommend that the following resolution be adopted by this Conference:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered Rev. Seth Ward for his masterly address on the Twentieth Century movement, and also to Bishop Hargrove for his wise and pertinent remarks upon the same subject, and for the liberal collection of \$2600 he secured for this most worthy cause.

We also request that the brethren who have made subscriptions to the salary and expense fund of Rev. Seth Ward send the amounts as soon as possible, or the monthly installments of the same, to the Treasurer of our Board, Prof. H. C. Pritchett, of Huntsville, Texas, accompanying their remittances with a statement that they are to apply to the purpose above mentioned.

We recommend that the names of Revs. Seth Ward and Nathan Powell be added to the list of the names of our Board of Education, and that the names of Revs. Geo. A. Le Clere and J. L. Massey, which, by mistake, were omitted from the list as published in our last year's minutes, be inserted.

We recommend further that an Executive Committee of this Board be constituted as follows: Rev. Seth Ward, chairman; E. P. Newson, W. D. Bradfield, H. C. Pritchett, E. W. Solomon, who shall have charge and direction of this movement in our Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. NEWSOM,
President.

Books and Periodicals.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South:

DEAR BRETHREN: We, your Committee on Books and Periodicals, beg leave to submit the following report:

The financial condition of the Publishing House is good. There has been a volume of business, amounting to the sum total of over three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, from which there has been a gain in assets of more than forty thousand dollars. The Branch House, located at Dallas, Texas, is especially convenient for our patronage, and which we greatly appreciate and pledge our hearty support. As to our publications, periodicals, and otherwise, we call special attention to the *Christian Advocate*, *Epworth Era*, *Methodist Review*, *The Review of Missions*, and all our Sunday school literature as being fully worthy of our hearty support. The *Texas Christian Advocate* is growing in popularity and usefulness, and we pledge our co-operation in extending its circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN POWELL, Chairman.

B. J. GUESS, Secretary.

Conference Relations.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Conference Relations recommend to the Conference the following named brethren for the superannuated relation: F. A. McShan, D. H. Linebaugh, F. W. Blake, Wesley Smith, W. K. Turner, W. G. Nelms, Gideon Powl-edge, G. C. Stovall, H. V. Philpot, A. E. Goodwyn, and H. M. Haynie.

J. W. HORN, Chairman.

F. E. HAMMOND, Secretary.

Conference Relations, No. 2.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Conference Relations

recommend to the Conference the name of W. C. Bracewell for a supernumerary relation.

J. W. HORN, Chairman.

F. E. HAMMOND, Secretary.

Report of Committee on Temperance and Sabbath Observance.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN: The temperance and Sabbath questions are prominent among the great unsolved problems of the day. Towards these questions the church dare not be indifferent or neutral. In the appointment of this committee, our Conference, professedly, recognize the importance of temperance and Sabbath observance. Your committee, in recognition of its trust, would practically commit our ministry and membership to these matters of great concern—that our church may contribute to the growing sentiment against the monumental evils of intemperance and Sabbath desecration. Our gospel, we believe, can and ultimately will settle everything that needs settling, but the application of this gospel to vexed problems must be made by gospel preachers and Christian workers. We must pray and preach and practice temperance. Also, by precept and example, teach the right use of the “Lord’s day.” Our church has definitely declared in favor of temperance. She assumes the attitude of total abstinence. Through her law-making body she has arrayed herself squarely against the liquor traffic. By keeping and not mending our rules, the people called Methodists may rapidly advance the temperance cause. We add: Since the Legislature of Texas has developed a conscience on the subject of tobacco using, we think it time the Texas Conference give some expression on the subject. The law forbids the sale of tobacco in any form to minors under sixteen years of age. A good law this, since about ninety per cent. of the rejections from army service was caused by the use of this vile narcotic. The example of the smoking and chewing preachers are not calculated to have a very wholesome effect on the boys, but rather to lead to the violation of State law and to the injury of the physical man, to say the least.

As to the second part of the subject: We believe that from the beginning the world has had a Sabbath. The Sabbath must continue so long as man has need of it. "For the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath." This institution of God meets requirements of the sensuous and spiritual natures—a time for rest and worship. In this age, various classes of men are contending for their rights—Sabbath privileges. Labor and trades' unions and other combined efforts of men have effected needed legislation, and now the law prohibits the forcing of employes, either by individuals or corporations, to work on Sunday. Quite recently, a foreman in large railroad shops ordered the men to return to work on Sunday morning. A large proportion of them refused to obey, not one of whom suffered a discharge. Protected by law and organized efforts, they were safe and are still at work. There should be no relaxing of effort on the part of the church. We believe, with others, that there cannot be an America without the Christian Sabbath. Therefore, we will contend for this necessary institution secured to us by laws, human and divine.

We recommend a better observance of the day; that our people refrain from marketing and popular amusements, promiscuous visiting—traveling on the cars—especially Sunday excursions. We recommend further that we repudiate the continental Sabbath and claim the whole day for holy uses.

By request of the good women, and in harmony with the action of the late General Conference, we endorse the Women's Christian Temperance Union in its temperance and benevolent work.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. E. GREEN,

For the Committee.

Report No. 1 of the Mission Board.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

The Conference Board last year made appropriations to twenty-four fields. We think they have enjoyed more than an ordinary degree of prosperity this year. Of these twenty-four, seven have been taken off our list. The Tabernacle, Houston, communicated

to us their thanks for the aid we have rendered them for the past several years, and stated that they are ready to try to stand alone. This the Board receives with genuine pleasure. We have been asked to establish two new fields, which have received appropriations. These are Leon Mission and Conroe. In addition to these we have re-established the Hotchkiss Memorial in Austin. In the Calvert District we were asked to discontinue Chilton and Lott as a Mission, and change the name of Personville to Freestone Mission.

We will have but twenty mission fields this year, to which we have appropriated as follows:

HOUSTON DISTRICT.

McAshan Chapel, Houston.....	\$100 00
West End, Galveston.....	200 00
Dickinson	100 00
Rosenberg	100 00
El Campo.....	120 00
Sandy Point.....	100 00
Dayton	150 00
Bay Shore.....	100 00
Total	<u>\$970 00</u>

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

South Austin.....	\$300 00
First Street, Austin.....	200 00
Hotchkiss Memorial, Austin.....	200 00
Cypress	100 00
Total	<u>\$800 00</u>

CALVERT DISTRICT.

Leon Mission.....	\$200 00
Freestone Mission.....	200 00
Jewett	100 00
Franklin Mission.....	100 00
Total	<u>\$600 00</u>

BRENHAM DISTRICT.

Ben Arnold Mission.....	\$150 00
Total	\$150 00

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

Montgomery Mission.....	\$150 00
Hempstead	250 00
Conroe Mission.....	225 00
Total	\$625 00
Grand total for the Conference.....	\$3145 00

The assessment for Domestic Missions was fixed at the same as last year, \$4750. The assessment for Foreign Missions was also the same as last year, \$5200; and the Board distributes as follows:

	FOREIGN	DOMESTIC
Houston District.....	\$1240 00	\$1140 00
Austin District.....	1170 00	1070 00
Calvert District.....	925 00	850 00
Brenham District.....	1000 00	910 00
Huntsville District.....	865 00	780 00
Totals	\$5200 00	\$4750 00

The \$500 assessed by the Joint Commission for the German work in Texas is included in the assessment for Domestic Missions, and shares with that fund the same per cent. of collections.

By resolution, the Presiding Elders were asked to hold early in the year the Missionary institutes required by the discipline in Article 18 of the Constitution of the Mission Board.

The Board heartily concur in the action of the Epworth League Cabinet in which they endorse the plan known as "The Holston Plan" for the missionary work of the Epworth Leagues. This is done with the understanding that the secretaries at Nashville relieve the Leagues of Texas from their pledge to support of three missionaries in China, and the Leagues instead throw their strength and co-operation into the regular channels and aid the pastors in securing full assessments for missions in every pastoral charge.

The Board requests the Bishop to appoint J. B. Sears Conference Missionary Secretary.

The Board also resolved to hold a semi-annual meeting of our Board in the month of April or May.

J. B. SEARS,
Secretary.

Report No. 2 of the Board of Missions.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

It is gratifying to the Board to observe that the number of charges that pay in full, on both the Foreign and Domestic Missions, is on the increase. In 1898 the number that paid in full on both was thirty-seven, and the number that fell short was fifty-three. In 1899 the number that were full increased to forty-five, and the number short decreased to forty-nine, so that now nearly half of the charges pay both missionary assessments in full. It is but the truth to say that in this the Houston District leads.

In accordance with the suggestion of the Secretaries at Nashville, the Board has selected two representatives to attend the Ecumenical Missionary Conference to meet in New York next April, and for this service they have selected J. B. Cochran and J. B. Sears.

The Board also selected the President, Secretary and Treasurer as a program committee, and to look after the semi-annual meeting generally.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. SEARS,
Secretary.

Report of Treasurer of Board of Missions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Cr.	
Collected from charges.....	\$4262 96
Anniversary collection.....	50 50
Total	\$4313 46

Dr.

By amount sent J. D. Hamilton, General Treasurer heretofore.....	\$2100 00
By amount sent Treasurer from this Conference.	2193 46
By amount paid for Conference Annual.....	20 00
Total	\$4313 46

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Cr.

Balance from last year.....	\$1127 24
Collected from charges this year.....	3822 30
Anniversary collection.....	50 50
Total	\$5000 04

Dr.

Paid to German work.....	\$ 400 00
Paid to appropriations	3150 00
Paid for Conference Annual.....	20 00
Balance on hand.....	1430 04
Total	\$5000 04

O. T. HOTCHKISS,
Treasurer.

Rescue Home.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

We, your committee, appointed in the interest of the Rescue Home at San Antonio, after having heard Brothers Jno. M. Moore and Nath. B. Thompson, of the West Texas Conference, would respectfully report as follows:

Resolved, First, that as a Conference we heartily welcome the Financial Agent of the Home, Rev. Nath. Thompson, to come among us for the purpose of taking collections for the payment of the indebtedness against the property.

Resolved, Second, that it is the sense of this committee that this appeal makes it our duty to undertake this work, and while we do not recommend a fixed assessment, but that it be considered as much the duty of the pastors to present the cause and ask a free-will offer-

ing as if it were a fixed assessment; and that the Presiding Elders take this into account along with the regularly authorized assessments, to be urged on quarterly meeting occasions.

Resolved, Third, that we recommend the appointment of a committee of three, the chairman of which shall be Treasurer, who shall, by correspondence, keep the pastors reminded of this duty and receive remittances for this work and forward the money to the proper authorities at San Antonio; and co-operate with a like committee of the West Texas Conference.

We recommend the following brethren for the committee: C. J. Oxley, John R. Murray and Clyde B. Garrett.

Respectfully,
G. H. COLLINS, President.

JOS. B. SEARS, Secretary.

The Sunday School Board.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN: The training of our children for God and His church is one of the most sacred duties committed to us. The great value of the Sunday School in accomplishing this end can not be overstated. As pastors, we cannot, and we must not, neglect this work. If we do, the church will suffer and many souls be lost by it. It is made our duty to be present in all the Sunday Schools of our charge; as often as practicable to catechise the children; to preach to them as often as convenient; to exhort them to attend regularly upon divine service, and to see that they are instructed in the doctrines and usages of our church, and to look after their spiritual welfare as a part of our pastoral work.

A Methodist Sunday School is a union school. For our officers and teachers believe the same thing, love the same thing, and teach the same thing. All those that spring up over the land and take the broad and liberal sounding name of Union are a snare and a delusion. Disunion would be a better name for them. Let us stand by our own schools.

Our literature can not be surpassed. Our Magazine is superb, while the Children's Visitor is a thing of beauty and a joy forever. Let us see that our schools are well supplied with our own literature.

We must be more discreet in the selection of our officers and teachers. Select only those who love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

Whereas, there is no uniform mode among pastors in reporting their Sunday School statistics, this Board recommends that the reports of the pastors include the number of all students who have been instructed during the year.

The Sunday School Board will furnish, free of charge, to each school who will apply to our Secretary, programs for Children's Day, provided they indicate the fact that they will observe the day and take a collection.

The Board desires to hold a Conference Sunday School Convention during the year, and asks the co-operation of all our preachers and Sunday School workers.

The Board has reorganized; the following are now the officers: H. M. Sears, President; Chas. U. McLarty, Secretary; and John Ilfry, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. SEARS, President.

CHAS. U. McLARTY, Secretary.

Treasurer Sunday School Board.

RECEIPTS.

Dec. 5, 1898.	By balance on hand.....	\$156 23
May 24, 1899.	Huntsville	10 00
24, "	Plantersville	1 00
24, "	Courtney	1 30
24, "	Angleton	7 57
26, "	Cold Springs.....	2 40
29, "	Wallis Station.....	3 67
30, "	Smithville	3 20
June 6, "	Austin, Hotchkiss.....	3 50
6, "	Millican	3 05
9, "	Richmond	3 00
14, "	Stoneham and Plantersville.....	2 70
16, "	Port Sullivan.....	4 20
24, "	Madisonville	2 00
July 31, "	Sunshine Sunday School.....	5 40

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Aug 16,	"	Ad Hall Sunday School.....	\$ 5 00
28,	"	Fulshear	12 30
28,	"	Anderson	1 90
Oct. 26,	"	McAshan	1 50
Dec. 2,	"	Shearn	10 00
6,	"	Cedar Bayou.....	5 35
6,	"	Manchaca	1 30
6,	"	Hempstead	2 50
6,	"	Giddings	1 05
6,	"	Maysfield	4 75
6,	"	Merrilltown and Walnut.....	1 00
6,	"	Mt. Vernon.....	1 75
6,	"	Franklin	1 00
6,	"	McDade	2 10
6,	"	Jewett	3 70
6,	"	Bastrop	2 25
6,	"	Montgomery	5 50
6,	"	Zion	2 30
6,	"	Pleasant Hill.....	3 00
Total			\$277 47

DISBURSEMENTS.

Dec. 5, 1898.	To Kelly	\$ 10 00
Jan. 20, 1899.	Wallis Library.....	15 00
Feb. 9, "	Jewett Library.....	20 00
March 9, "	Rosebud Library.....	12 50
13, "	Wilson School House.....	2 50
June 29, "	Red Branch Sunday School.....	4 87
29, "	Dove's Sunday School.....	7 59
Oct. 14, "	Children's Day Programs.....	7 08
Dec. 8, "	Publishing Minutes.....	25 00
8, "	10% Parent Board Education.....	12 12
8, "	10% Sunday School Board.....	12 12
8, "	Conference Board Education.....	61 84
8, "	Sunday School Board.....	61 85
8, "	Cash to balance.....	25 00
Total		\$277 47

RECAPITULATION.

By balance on hand last report.....	\$156 23	
By collections since last report.....	121 24	
To amounts paid out during year.....		\$252 47
To cash in hands of Treasurer.....		25 00
Total	\$277 47	\$277 47

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN ILFRY,

Treasurer.

Marlin, Texas, December 9, 1899.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

BRETHREN: I submit herewith for your information and approval, report of the costs of publishing and distributing the Conference Annual for 1897, which was not reported at the last session of the Conference, and for our issue of 1898.

Annual for 1897:

Due from last year.....	\$ 10 50	
Paid printer's account.....	96 45	
Paid express charges.....	16 85	
Paid postage	8 95	
Paid freight and drayage.....	4 25	
Paid incidental expense.....	50	
		\$137 50
By amount from Conference Boards.....	\$110 00	
By amount from advertisements.....	25 00	
		\$135 00
Due editor.....	\$ 2 50	

The expense of issue for 1898 was as follows:

Paid printer	\$108 40	
Paid express charges.....	21 50	
Paid postage	9 60	
Paid freight and drayage.....	1 15	
Due from last year.....	2 50	
		\$143 15

By cash from Conference Boards.....	\$110 00	
By cash from advertisements	31 00	
By cash from W. H. M. S. publishing proceed- ings	6 00	
By cash from sales of Annuals.....	70	
	<hr/>	\$147 70
Balance on hand.....		\$ 4 55

To print 2000 copies for this year will require at least \$110, and I suggest that the Joint Board of Finance be instructed to assess the different Boards to make that amount.

Respectfully submitted,
D. H. HOTCHKISS.

Report of Orphanage Committee.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN: We, your Committee on Orphanage, respectfully submit the following report:

From the sixth annual report of the Board of Directors and from the Manager of the Orphanage, we are glad to note the good condition and healthy growth of this institution. The new building, a three-story brick, into which some \$7000 have already gone, is rapidly nearing completion. In this connection we call attention to the splendid service rendered the institution by Revs. Abe Mulkey and R. W. Thompson, and heartily endorse the request of the Board of Directors that they continue their good work.

The Orphanage has now 134 children under the supervision of the Manager. Ninety-five of these are in the Orphanage and thirty-nine have been placed in carefully selected Christian homes. The children are well cared for physically, and have excellent educational and religious advantages, having easy access to the public schools and churches of the city.

The estimated value of the property, according to the report of the Board of Directors, is now about \$40,000, and is free from all incumbrance of debt. The Orphanage, too, is thoroughly equipped for its work.

We endorse the action of the Board of Directors in continuing

Rev. W. H. Vaughan as business manager of the Orphanage, and heartily commend his administration of its affairs.

In view of the fact that the Texas Conference has always paid its assessment and that this year the assessment of \$700 has been much more than met—the actual receipts being \$742.75—we recommend concurrence in the assessment named by the Board of Directors, viz., \$800.

The Orphanage financial year runs from November to November, and we urge that the pastors take early collections and at once remit to the business manager. We also suggest that the Leagues and Sunday Schools, etc., be requested to send boxes of clothing, bedding, food, and anything that may be useful to the Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. McDONALD, President.

C. J. OXLEY, Secretary.

Report of Joint Board of Finance.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

BRETHREN: The amount of money coming into our hands, for Conference claimants, is as follows:

Balance on hand at last Conference.....	\$ 41 51
Received from Houston District.....	1132 45
Received from Austin District.....	835 05
Received from Brenham District.....	602 35
Received from Calvert District.....	634 25
Received from Huntsville District.....	570 80
Received from Preachers' Aid Board.....	275 00
Received from interest on J. B. Moore bequest.....	4 10
Received from Colvin Fund.....	12 00
Total	\$4107 51

We disbursed these amounts as follows:

Paid Conference claimants at this session.....	\$4054 00
Contingent Fund in hands of Treasurer.....	53 51
Total	\$4107 51

We have paid to the Conference claimants the following amounts:

	CONFERENCE FUND	COLVIN FUND
1 Robert Durham.....	\$ 50 00	\$ 0 50
2. Miss Mattie Keith.....	53 00	1 00
3. Miss Sallilou Keith.....	25 00	1 00
4. Mrs. Amanda Graves.....	50 00	50
5. Mrs. J. W. B. Allen.....	50 00	50
6. Mrs. Hannah Green.....	150 00	50
7. Mrs. Thomas Whitworth.....	100 00	50
8. Mrs. S. G. Wooldridge.....	100 00	50
9. Mrs. Rebecca Keith.....	100 00	50
10. Mrs. V. A. Windsor.....	150 00	50
11. Mrs. L. J. Hinkle.....	200 00	50
12. Mrs. C. F. Stacy.....	75 00	50
13. Mrs. R. Alexander.....	100 00	50
14. Mrs. Sue C. Kerr.....	150 00	50
15. Mrs. R. J. Fisher.....	129 00	50
16. Mrs. Alice Stovall.....	125 00	50
17. Mrs. Julia Dashiell.....	110 00	50
18. Mrs. Fatima Lemons.....	125 00	50
19. Mrs. S. E. Gober.....	125 00	50
20. Mrs. Sarah Whipple.....	125 00	50
21. Mrs. I. G. John.....	50 00	50
22. Mrs. J. H. Davidson.....	100 00	50
23. Rev. F. A. McShan.....	200 00	.. ..
24. Rev. H. V. Philpot.....	350 00	.. ..
25. Rev. W. G. Nelms.....	300 00	.. ..
26. Rev. W. K. Turner.....	250 00	.. ..
27. Rev. Wesley Smith.....	200 00	.. ..
28. Rev. Gideon Powledge.....	175 00	.. ..
29. Rev. G. C. Stovall.....	150 00	.. ..
30. Rev. D. H. Linebaugh.....	75 00	.. ..
31. Rev. A. E. Goodwyn.....	100 00	.. ..

The amount assessed against the Conference for Bishops' Fund was apportioned to the Districts and paid as follows:

	ASSESSED	PAID	DEFICIT
Houston District.....	\$ 254 00	\$254 00	
Austin District.....	248 00	186 10	\$ 61 90
Brenham District.....	232 00	174 25	57 75
Calvert District.....	170 00	145 40	24 60
Huntsville District.....	140 00	123 50	16 50
Totals	\$1044 00	\$883 25	\$160 75

The amount collected for Bishops' Fund was disbursed as follows:
Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, by W. W. Adickes, Treasurer, \$883.25.

The amount assessed against the Conference for the ensuing year, for Bishops' Fund, is the sum of \$1050.

The amount assessed against the Conference for the Texas Methodist Orphanage for the ensuing year is the sum of \$800.

We apportion these assessments to the Districts, as follows:

	BISHOP'S FUND	ORPHANAGE
Houston District.....	\$ 255 00	\$190 00
Austin District.....	249 00	180 00
Brenham District.....	233 00	160 00
Calvert District.....	172 00	150 00
Huntsville District.....	141 00	120 00
Totals	\$1050 00	\$800 00

The assessment for Education, and for Paine and Lane Institutes, we apportion to the Districts as follows:

	EDUCATION	PAINE AND LANE
Houston District.....	\$ 410 00	\$ 58 00
Austin District.....	395 00	55 00
Brenham District.....	390 00	47 00
Calvert District.....	255 00	45 00
Huntsville District.....	235 00	45 00
Totals	\$1684 00	\$250 00

We assess the various Boards for the publication of Minutes as follows:

Board of Education	\$ 15 00
Board of Missions	40 00
Board of Church Extension.....	30 00
Sunday School Board.....	25 00
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Total	\$110 00

We recommend that the assessment on the Conference for the ensuing year, for Conference claimants, be an amount equal to eight per cent. of the assessed salaries of the preachers; and in connection with this report we submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the preachers of the Texas Annual Conference be held responsible for an amount equal to eight per cent. of the salaries paid them, which sums shall be applied to the fund for Conference claimants.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the First National Bank of Marlin, for its courtesy and liberality in handling the funds of this Board, and providing drafts and exchange free of charge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

W. W. ADICKES, Treasurer.

C. A. HOOPER, Secretary.

Preachers' Aid Board.

To the President and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

BRETHREN: We, your Preachers' Aid Board, report for your information as follows:

At the annual meeting of the Board, held in Marlin, Texas, December 9, 1899, there was a quorum present.

The interest bearing assets amount to \$4434.10. Our payment to the Joint Board of Finance at this session is \$275.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. GOODWYN, President.

TOM MURRAH, Secretary and Treasurer.

Board of Church Extension.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: We, your Board of Church Extension, beg leave to submit our seventeenth annual report:

The Conference was assessed this year for the cause of
 church extension.....\$2200 00
 On this the charges have paid.....\$1572 80
 From anniversary collection..... 41 00—\$1613 80

We have disbursed this as follows:

To Parent Board.....	\$ 806 90
To McKee Street, Houston, Harris county.....	125 00
To Genoa, Harris county.....	50 00
To Missouri City, Fort Bend county.....	95 00
To Bay City, Matagorda county.....	50 00
To Wharton, Wharton county.....	120 00
To Branchville, Milam county.....	95 00
To Davilla, Milam county.....	75 00
To Eagle Lake, Colorado county.....	120 00
To Jewett, Leon county.....	70 00
To Evergreen, San Jacinto county.....	50 00
To Bay, Walker county.....	100 00
To printing Minutes.....	30 00
To expense Executive Committee.....	6 75
To blanks, postage and revenue stamps.....	1 25
To cash on hand.....	15 65
Total	\$1810 55

We had before us twelve applications for aid to build churches, but were unable to help more than ten. We deeply regret that we were unable to give all the aid asked for in the application, but after careful consideration of the needs in each case, and the limited amount at our command made the above appropriations.

The following are the assessments on the several Districts for the ensuing year:

Houston District.....	\$ 590 00
Austin District.....	475 00
Brenham District.....	408 00
Calvert District.....	380 00
Huntsville District.....	347 00

Total\$2200 00

W. WOOTTON, President.

H. C. WILLIS, Secretary.

Treasurer Board of Church Extension.

RECEIPTS.

	ASSESSED	PAID
Houston District.....	\$ 590 00	\$ 589 00
Austin District.....	475 00	259 00
Brenham District.....	408 00	236 10
Calvert District.....	380 00	261 05
Huntsville District.....	347 00	227 65
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	\$2200 00	\$1572 80
Balance from 1898.....		196 75
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Total paid.....		\$1779 55

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Dr. P. H. Whisner, Secretary Parent Board.....	\$ 806 90
To McKee Street, Houston District, Harris county.....	125 00
To Genoa, Houston District, Harris county.....	50 00
To Missouri City, Houston District, Fort Bend county...	95 00
To Bay City, Houston District, Matagorda county.....	50 00
To Wharton, Houston District, Wharton county.....	120 00
To Branchville, Brenham District, Milam county.....	95 00
To Davilla, Brenham District, Milam county.....	75 00
To Eagle Lake, Austin District, Colorado county.....	120 00
To Jewett, Calvert District, Leon county.....	70 00
To Evergreen, Huntsville District, San Jacinto county...	50 00
To Bay's Church, Huntsville District, Walker county....	100 00

To printing Annual	\$ 30 00
To expenses Executive Board.....	6 75
To blanks, postage and revenue stamps.....	1 25
To cash on hand.....	15 65
Total	\$1003 65

GEO. H. PHAIR, Treasurer.

Epworth League.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Epworth Leagues beg leave to submit the following report:

We have seventy-two Leagues in the Conference, with a membership of 1947, showing a net increase of Leagues three, and a decrease in membership of 263 from last year. We note with sadness the fact that for the last two years there has been a gradual falling off in membership; but, notwithstanding this decrease, we believe the League has assumed a more permanent form, and is doing more substantial work.

We are glad to note that our *Epworth Era* has enlarged its circulation 4000 within the last year, and that it now has a circulation of 14,000. The editor thinks that if the pastors will help in the circulation just now it will soon become self-supporting. We suggest, therefore, that our pastors make a diligent effort to circulate the *Epworth Era*.

The League is now becoming a very important factor in our grand missionary movement, supporting several missionaries in the foreign fields, under the direction of the General Board of the church. We heartily endorse what is known as the "Holston plan," which consists of a general and concerted effort in the district of the annual Conferences to assist the pastors in paying the entire missionary assessment.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. LINDSEY,

For Committee.

Bible Cause.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference.

DEAR BRETHREN: In the absence of any report from the American Bible Society, we can give no general report of its work. Our work this year for this great cause shows an increase over last year. Forty-seven charges report collections as against twenty-six last year. We have collected and reported from the forty-seven charges \$106.65 as against \$70.10 last year. \$98.55 of this we have in cash.

We feel sure that if every pastor would do his duty as laid down in Sec. 4, Par. 133, in the Discipline, we would have a much larger sum for this noble cause.

Respectfully,

J. W. HARMON, Chairman.

District Conference Records.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference.

DEAR BRETHREN: The committee appointed to examine the District Conference Records, report as follows:

BRENHAM DISTRICT.

The records of this District were not in the hands of the committee.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

This book is a model of neatness and corectness.

CALVERT DISTRICT.

The arrangement of this book is excellent.

There are some erasures, and some carelessness shown in failing to cross *t*'s, dot *i*'s, etc. Otherwise, the Record is well kept.

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

The committee had some trouble in finding the minutes for 1899, as they appear on the first pages of the book, followed by the minutes of several previous years.

There are some blots and erasures, and red ink is used too freely.

The "Brethren" should "support" the Southwestern University, instead of the "Georgetown College."

HOUSTON DISTRICT.

There are some erasures, and capital letters are occasionally used where small letters should be.

There are some expressions, such as "Spoke to the question," "Spoke to the report," we believe to be incorrect.

R. W. ADAMS, Chairman.

J. M. ADAMS, Secretary.

PART V.

MEMOIR.

One year ago the members of the Texas Conference enjoyed the unusual pleasure of the presence of Rev. John H. Davidson. That was his last Conference on earth, and to many of his brethren it was the last earthly meeting. At exactly midway between the sessions of the Conference, June 8, 1899, he was transferred from the church militant to the church triumphant. For about thirty years he was rarely able to meet the brethren at Conference, yet his love for the brethren never grew cold. No preacher was more uniformly tender and thoughtful of his brethren. No preacher enjoyed a larger measure of esteem and confidence than did he.

This good man was born July 21, 1814, in Jefferson county, Mississippi. His parents were John A. and Eliza Green Davidson. He was born of noble lineage; his grandfather was Gen. Wm. Davidson, of Revolutionary fame. His grandmother was a Miss Brevard, whose family was widely and honorably known during the revolutionary period of our country. Brother Davidson was not converted till about twenty-five years of age, but his conversion left no doubt of the renewing power of the Holy Spirit. His conversion was to him so wonderful that in all the sixty years he never forgot its power. Happy the preacher who goes to preach the gospel of salvation to others if he himself be able to stand before them as a genuine and undoubted demonstration of the power of the gospel to save men from sin.

Brother Davidson was a sunny and hopeful Christian. He enjoyed religion to an unusual degree. He helped his pastor in preaching. The preacher knew he had one ardent sympathizer, and his abounding and overflowing soul put a fine spiritual flavor on the services. He held to the old interpretations of the Bible; to the old doctrines and usages of Methodism. He not only held them, but he *lived* them. His life was a beautiful demonstration of the power

of the cardinal Bible doctrines held by the people called Methodists. His life was the legitimate fruit of those doctrines. Not often in a life time do we meet a character so beautiful in spiritual life. Those who knew him best know that he lived upon the hill tops that skirt the confines of the far away land. His influence to many a young preacher has been that of a father.

Although for a number of years he was almost a constant sufferer, yet never was he known to complain that his lot was hard. It was the pleasure of the writer to enjoy an unusual nearness to him for fifteen years before his death, and we are glad to testify of him that he had nothing but brotherly love for his brethren and all good people. His sweet and perfect resignation to the divine will was beautiful. He seemed to have less of discouragement and despondency of spirit than most men. I was his pastor for three years, and the minister who has such a man in his congregation has helpfulness "in the sanctuary." He enjoyed the spiritual flow that was the privilege of but few men to enjoy. Often in the fullness of his soul he would shout the praises of his Heavenly Father. His home was always the preacher's home, and he was never happier than when he had some of the servants of God in his house. Brother Davidson attributed his first impressions for piety to the influence of a Christian mother, whom he always delighted to call "my precious mother."

His conversion was clear and convincing, and occurred at Day's Camp Ground, Louisiana, in the year 1839, and from then to the day of his death he never doubted his conversion.

He was a preacher of the old and true type. He believed in the old methods of seeking religion, and pursued the old methods and means of grace for the development of the Christian character. His ministry was marked with the stamp of genuine earnestness, and he believed with all his soul the message he delivered. Hence it came from a heart full of zeal and enthusiasm.

Thus another of our oldest men has passed away from us. Four years ago we mourned the departure of our dear brother, C. H. Thomas, our then oldest member in the Conference. The next roll call the voice of I. G. John, another of our old members, was silent. At our last session we recorded the death of James M. Wesson; we are now called upon to record the memoir of John H. Davidson, who has gone up to join the beloved ones who have been gathered to their

fathers. He has left us for the beautiful home above, but he has left us the fragrance of a sanctified life. To his lonely and bereaved companion we would offer words of consolation; we are sure there are none so comforting as the words of promise that cheered him in his last days. To God and to the word of his grace would we commend her. As we look into the sad and meditative faces here, who can say who will be the next to be called from his labor to his rest in our last reunion?

H. M. SEARS,
C. H. BROOKS,
A. E. GOODWYN,
Committee.

REGISTER AND DIRECTORY.

ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY.

NAME.	WHEN AND HOW RECEIVED.			POSTOFFICE.
	Admitted on Trial.	Transferred.	Re-admitted.	
Adams, James M.....	1887	.....	.....	Flatonia.
Adams, Robert W.....	1892	.....	.....	Smithville.
Allen, Fred. L.....	.....	1866	.....	Willis.
Allen, Beverly W.....	1894	.....	.....	Buffalo.
Anderson, Andrew J.....	.....	1888	.....	Webberville.
Blake, T. W.....	1859	.....	.....	Plantersville.
Bergin, John W.....	1897	.....	.....	Alvin.
Bracewell, W. C.....	1892	.....	.....	Georgetown.
Bradfield, W. D.....	.....	1896	.....	Galveston.
Brinson, W. F.....	1885	.....	.....	Weimar.
Brooks, Calvin H.....	.....	.....	1878	LaGrange.
Brooks, William H.....	1888	.....	.....	Jewett.
Brown, Samuel P.....	1885	.....	.....	Rosebud.
Bryce, Ira M.....	.....	1893	.....	Houston.
Cain, Thomas R.....	1891	.....	.....	Cedar Bayou.
Calloway, John J.....	1891	.....	.....	Matagorda.
Cameron, John C.....	1897	.....	.....	Conroe.
Campbell, Willie R.....	1894	.....	.....	Austin.
Chambers, Sam'l F.....	.....	1894	.....	Galveston.
Cochran, John B.....	1886	.....	.....	Chappell Hill.
Colier, R. S.....	.....	1899	.....	Davilla.
Collins, George H.....	1885	.....	.....	Rockdale.
Crutchfield, J. M.....	.....	1895	.....	Lyons.
Cullen, James W.....	.....	1893	.....	Ben Arnold.
Daniel, Melodius F.....	1893	.....	.....	Giddings.
Diehl, M. E.....	1897	.....	.....	Bellville.
Farrington, C. L.....	.....	1870	.....	Hearne.
Garrett, Clyde B.....	1894	.....	.....	Austin.
Gardner, Dempsey W.....	.....	.....	1899	Centreville.
Gaskins, W. D.....	.....	1896	.....	Manchaca.
Goodwyn, Alexander E.....	.....	1877	.....	Marlin.
Gordon, Ira B.....	1890	.....	.....	Lexington.
Graves, Thomas B.....	1882	.....	.....	Conroe.
Green, John E.....	1883	.....	.....	Houston.
Guess, B. J.....	.....	.....	1894	Wharton.
Hammond, Fiske E.....	.....	1895	.....	Durango.
Harmon, John W.....	1888	.....	.....	Columbia.
Hart, H. T.....	1885	.....	.....	Milano.
Haynie, Henry M.....	1885	.....	.....	Elgin.
Hocutt, Enon. G.....	1882	.....	.....	Elgin.
Holt, John W.....	.....	1892	.....	Fairfield.
Hooper, Charles A.....	1887	Navasota.
Horn, J. W.....	1888	Chappell Hill.
Horner, W. W.....	1892	Montgomery.

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Hotchkiss, Oscar T.....	1875	Houston.
Hotchkiss, DeWitt H.....	1889	Marlin.
Keith, Ellie C.....	1895	Petteway.
Kelly, J. W.....	1877	.....	.....	Winchester.
Kilgore, James.....	1892	.....	.....	Cameron.
Kimbler, Henry R.....	1894	.....	.....	Maysfield.
LeClere, George A.....	.....	1892	.....	Georgetown.
Lindsey, Marion L.....	1894	.....	.....	Fulshear.
Linebaugh, D. H.....	.....	1882	.....	Atoka, I. T.
Massey, Jesse L.....	.....	1892	.....	Brenham.
McDonald, W. T.....	1890	.....	.....	Austin.
McIver, John I.....	.....	1895	.....	Lott.
McLarty, Charles U.....	1895	.....	.....	Madiscnville.
McMahan, John W.....	1888	.....	.....	Columbus.
McShan, F. A.....	.....	1857	.....	Rockdale.
Melugin, W. T.....	.....	1897	.....	Cold Springs.
Mickle, James C.....	1878	.....	.....	Navasota.
Moore, James C.....	1891	.....	.....	Prairie Plains.
Morgan, Samuel H.....	1889	.....	.....	Huntsville.
Murray, John R.....	1892	.....	.....	Angleton.
Myers, Erastus M.....	1891	.....	.....	Stoneham.
Nelms, William G.....	1849	.....	.....	Conroe.
Newsom, Ernest P.....	1894	.....	.....	Huntsville.
Nunn, Rufus E.....	.....	1897	.....	Eagle Lake.
Oxley, C. J.....	.....	1897	.....	Galveston.
Phair, George H.....	1874	.....	.....	Hempstead.
Philpott, Horatio V.....	.....	1893	.....	College.
Powell, Nathan.....	1897	.....	.....	Bastrop.
Powledge, Gideon.....	1882	.....	.....	Prairie Plains.
Potts, Edmund A.....	1894	.....	.....	Fiskville.
Ray, George R.....	1896	.....	.....	Iola.
Russell, J. L.....	.....	.....	1894	Dickinson.
Sandel, G. S.....	1862	.....	.....	Anderson.
Sears, Henry M.....	.....	1882	.....	Austin.
Sears, Joseph B.....	.....	1883	.....	Calvert.
Shettles, E. L.....	1891	.....	.....	Bryan.
Simpson, Charles E.....	1892	.....	.....	Hockley.
Skinner, J. P.....	1891	.....	.....	Millican.
Smith, E. S.....	.....	1875	.....	Franklin.
Smith, Wesley.....	.....	1879	.....	Abilene.
Solomon, Emmett W.....	.....	1888	.....	Houston.
Stewart, John C.....	1893	.....	.....	Sandy Point.
Stovall, George C.....	1885	.....	.....	Memphis, Tenn.
Thomas, S. W.....	.....	1893	.....	Richmond.
Thompson, Columbus M.....	1892	.....	.....	Centreville.
Thompson, John W.....	1892	.....	.....	Rogers Prairie.
Turner, W. R. (with ceded territory).....	1882	Franklin.
Washburn, Willis E.....	1884	Cedar Creek.
Ward, Seth.....	1882	Houston.

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Whaling, H. M.....	1898	Austin.
Williams, Horace G.....	1889	Salty.
Williford, T. S.....	1890	Bremond.
Willis, Hubert C.....	1892	Houston.
Wootton, Weems.....	1876	Caldwell.
Yeats, J. L.....	1893	Ad Hall.
ON TRIAL.				
Adams, Calvin H.....	1899	Franklin.
Boyd, A. L.....	1898	Sealy.
Dickey, Mark L.....	1899	Pyburn.
Davis, George W.....	1899	Georgetown.
Edgar, William W.....	1898	Franklin.
George, Robert C.....	1898	McDade.
Glazener, Benjamin T.....	1898	Georgetown.
Ingrum, E. L.....	1899	El Campo.
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STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS—HOUSTON DISTRICT, 1899.

Name of Charge.	L. preach.	Members. this Year.	Members last Year.	On Prof. of Faith.	Cert. or otherwise.	Removals, all Causes.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Societies in Charge.	Churches	Value of Churches.	Indebted-ness on Churches.	Parson's Value of Parson-ages.	Indebted-ness on Parson's	Value of Other Ch. Property.	C'sh Exp'd on Ch'ch's and Pars.	INSURANCE STATISTICS.			No.Ep. Ls. Ep. Leag'e Members.	No.S.Sch's & Teach's.	No. of Scholars.	Am't col-lected for Sunday Schools.	Am't col-lected for Missions.	Am't col'd on Chil-dren's day	Am't col'd for Other Objects.	Total Amount Raised.	AM. BIBLE SOC'Y.			
																	Ins. car'd	Pre-iums paid.	Loss Sust.									Paid			
Shearn.....	3	727	683	46	54	56	17	17	1	1	32000	.....	.....	.....	35200	.....	23000	283 90	.....	1	75	47	346	315 47	114 41	10 00	187 55	627 43	.....	
Washington St..	1	366	340	53	37	82	12	15	1	1	5000	.....	1	2000	1000	260 00	.....	.....	.....	1	40	20	175	58 00	21 77	.....	10 85	90 52	1 60	
McKee St.....	1	355	325	32	65	18	26	8	1	1	5600	.....	.....	.....	.....	1053 50	.....	.....	.....	1	40	30	275	153 40	35 00	.....	188 40	.....	12 50	
Tabernacle.....	1	225	207	29	30	39	8	8	1	1	6750	.....	1	3300	1281	845 68	5150	56 80	.....	60	1	19	123	107 88	42 88	.....	38 60	189 36	.....	
McAshan Ch....	1	168	156	13	35	9	8	8	3	3	3500	147 50	.....	.....	250	190 00	1800	.....	.....	1	66	1	13	141	55 11	9 99	1 50	67 60	.....	.....
St. John's.....	1	256	347	18	29	32	8	13	1	1	4000	.....	1	4000	1155	2465 00	7000	90 00	.....	1	85	1	25	300	160 80	50 00	.....	160 30	371 10	.....
St. James'.....	1	240	187	12	23	17	11	1	1	1	20000	.....	1	2500	.....	185 08	1000	45 00	.....	1	120	24	313	336 20	25 00	.....	45 78	406 98	.....	.....
West End.....	1	115	131	13	12	11	12	1	1	1	3000	100 00	1	1000	400	87 50	1800	35 00	.....	1	45	1	11	107	78 00	20 00	.....	6 00	104 00	.....
Richmond.....	1	130	121	12	22	13	12	1	1	1	2500	.....	1	1200	200	220 00	.....	.....	.....	1	42	1	7	87	60 00	12 50	3 00	42 50	118 00	.....
Alvin.....	1	170	153	12	23	58	11	10	1	1	1200	.....	1	600	.....	98 00	.....	.....	.....	1	25	15	50	47 50	14 00	.....	7 00	68 50	1 50	
Columbia & B..	1	144	146	.....	.....	5	3	.....	3	1	2500	.....	1	900	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	1	60	17	120	32 00	5 00	.....	17 00	54 00	50	.....
Angleton*	1	303	299	19	26	42	21	7	5	6	7300	.....	1	650	.....	37 00	.....	.....	.....	1	64	5	35	198	47 30	.....	30 15	77 45	.....	.....
Sandy Point.....	1	160	140	20	25	15	1	15	4	3	2000	300 00	1	200	.....	800 00	.....	.....	.....	1	3	12	160	46 25	.....	.....	46 25	.....	.....	.....
Wharton & H...	1	152	141	4	13	6	4	12	3	3	3500	600 00	1	800	2125 00	500	7 50	1	37	4	29	210	58 02	14 25	5 35	77 62
Matagorda.....	1	241	238	12	3	12	6	11	6	4	3800	1	850	365 00	1	107	1	8	138	47 00	21 45	10 60	78 45
El Campo.....	1	225	223	16	9	13	8	9	5	1	1500	30 00	.....	.....	.....	232 00	.....	.....	.....	1	40	20	130	65 00	10 50	3 60	.....	79 19	.....	.....
Rosenberg.....	1	220	177	16	57	14	15	16	6	3	850	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1	25	12	95	45 00	.....	.....	12 50	57 50	1 00	.....
Cedar Bayou....	1	245	285	4	2	47	7	1	3	3	2200	.....	1	1000	.....	70 00	.....	.....	.....	1	3	18	162	31 00	4 75	.....	.....	35 75	1 00	.....
Dickinson.....	1	193	163	20	10	10	7	20	6	2	2600	.....	2	500	900	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	30	14	50	40 00	.....	.....	40 00	1 00	1 00	.....
Bay Shore Mis..	.....	78	60	16	15	13	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dayton Mis.....	.....	60	42	8	13	3	12	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL.....	22	4963	4624	373	503	533	182	161	59	35	145800	1177 50	15	19500	3036	37350	9105 76	40250	518 20	25	961	43	376	3180	1493 93	401 59	23 45	568 23	2788 10	10 10

Name of Charge.	PRESIDING ELDER.		PREACHER IN CHARGE.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.		DOMESTIC MISSIONS.		CHURCH EXTENSION.		EDUCATION.		W's F. Soc.	W's H. Soc.	Orphanage.	OTHER OBJECTS.	Paine and Lane.	TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES.
	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
Shearn.....	455 00	455 00	2560 00	2500 00	55 00	55 00	200 00	200 00	272 50	277 50	237 50	237 50	125 00	125 00	85 00	85 00	185 05	177 46	35 00	2555 56	12 50	7695 49
Washington St..	135 00	126 00	900 00	850 00	15 00	15 00	72 00	72 00	75 00	75 00	65 00	70 00	35 00	35 00	25 00	25 00	.....	.....	10 00	168 00	3 00	1444 85
McKee St.....	135 00	135 00	1000 00	1000 00	15 00	15 00	80 00	80 00	75 00	75 00	65 00	65 00	35 00	42 00	25 00	25 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	3 00	3060 65
Tabernacle.....	118 00	108 00	900 00	815 55	13 00	13 00	72 00	72 00	63 00	63 00	60 00	65 00	33 50	33 50	22 50	22 50	37 80	274 50	11 50	.....	3 00	2830 17
McAshan Ch....	42 50	42 50	253 00	257 05	5 00	5 00	20 25	25 25	22 50	22 50	22 00	22 00	10 00	10 00	8 00	8 00	52 50	52 50	5 00	86 17	1 00	519 00
St. John's.....	255 00	255 00	1200 00	1200 00	24 00	24 00	96 00	96 00	142 00	142 00	134 00	134 00	65 00	65 00	45 00	45 00	119 00	400 00	15 00	383 00	5 00	4505 00
St. James'.....	135 00	135 00	900 00	905 00	18 00	18 00	72 00	72 00	80 00	85 00	75 00	75 00	40 00	40 00	25 00	25 00	33 00	.....	10 00	428 80	3 00	3293 30
West End.....	92 50	92 50	600 00	600 00	10 00	10 00	48 00	48 00	50 00	50 00	45 00	45 00	22 50	22 50	15 00	15 00	25 50	28 95	5 00	.....	12 50	954 75
Richmond.....	135 00	108 00	800 00	650 00	15 00	15 00	64 00	64 00	75 00	75 00	68 00	68 00	35 00	35 00	25 50	25 50	.....	.....	8 00	96 00	12 50	1149 50
Alvin.....	67 50	51 50	500 00	361 30	10 00	10 00	40 00	40 00	45 00	47 50	42 50	42 50	20 00	20 00	15 00	15 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	12 50	593 80
Columbia & B..	96 00	77 20	700 00	566 05	12 00	12 00	56 00	61 00	55 60	55 00	55 00	55 00	30 00	30 00	17 50	17 50	.....	.....	8 00	.....	12 50	1112 75
Angleton.....	80 00	48 55	600 00	380 50	10 00	10 00	18 00	48 00	48 00	48 00	45 00	45 00	22 00	22 00	14 00	14 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	12 50	749 00
Sandy Point.....	30 00	25 00	330 00	268 50	4 00	4 00	26 40	26 40	11 00	11 00	11 00	11 00	10 00	12 50	7 00	7 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	12 50	347 95
Wharton & H...	85 00	59 10	640 00	447 60	10 00	10 00	48 00	48 00	51 00	51 00	50 00	50 00	22 00	22 00	17 50	17 50	16 00	.....	7 00	2125 00	12 50	2839 70
Matagorda.....	85 00	70 00	600 00	500 00	8 00	8 00	18 00	40 00	50 00	30 00	44 00	30 00	22 00	15 00	17 00	17 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	12 50	716 00
El Campo.....	30 00	16 35	360 00	153 25	4 00	4 00	24 00	24 00	11 00	11 00	11 00	16 00	10 00	13 65	7 00	7 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	1 00	260 70
Rosenberg.....	35 00	35 00	235 00	235 00	4 00	4 00	21 50	22 50	18 00	22 25	18 00	18 00	10 00	12 25	7 00	7 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	1 00	522 75
Cedar Bayou....	85 00	85 00	500 00	523 75	10 00	10 00	40 00	40 00	48 00	53 00	45 00	45 00	20 00	20 00	17 50	17 50	15 30	.....	5 00	52 70	12 50	850 45
Dickinson.....	62 50	43 65	400 00	346 75	7 00	7 00	32 00	32 00	33 00	33 00	32 00	32 00	16 00	16 00	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	12 50	522 90
Bay Shore.....	16 00	5 00	150 00	127 75	2 00	2 00	12 00	12 60	7 00	4 25	7 00	7 00	3 00	.....	3 00	4 00	.....	.....	2 50	.....	50	165 20
Dayton.....	25 00	15 00	185 00	132 00	3 00	3 00	14 80	14 80	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	.....	.....	2 50	.....	1 50	193 80
TOTAL.....	2200 00	1988 35	14193 00	12819 85	254 00	254 00	1134 95	1134 95	1240 00	1240 00	1140 00	1140 00	590 00	590 00	402 00	402 00	415 65	933 41	166 50	5895 23	58 00	33621 75

*One church damaged \$150.00.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS—AUSTIN DISTRICT, 1899.

Name of Charge.	L. preach.	Members this Year.	Members last Year.	On Prof. of Faith.	Cert. or otherwise.	Removals, all Causes.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Societies in Charge.	Churches.	Value of Churches.	Indebtedness on Churches.	Parson's Value of Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Parson's.	Value of Other C'h Property.	C'sh Exp'd on Ch'ch's and Pars.	INSURANCE STATISTICS.			No. Ep. L's Ep League Members.	No. S. Sch's & Teach's.	No. of Scholars.	Am't collected for Sunday Schools.	Am't collected for Missions.	Am't col'd on Children's Day.	Am't col'd for other Objects.	Total Amount Raised.	AM. BIBLE SOC'Y Paid.		
																	Ins. car'd.	Pre-iums paid.	Loss Sust.											
10th St., Austin.	1	560	564	16	68	87	7	3	1	1	20000		1	2000					1	160	1	43	293	173 00		135 00	308 50			
Hotchkiss M.....	1	181	177	3	23	22			1	1	2750				500		2250	27 00		1	45	28	268	125 00	27 00	3 50	155 50			
1st St. Austin.....	4	220	211	13	26	22	11	5	1	1	1500				300	375 00			1	24	1	11	130	70 00	27 00		97 00	3 00		
South Austin.....		67	65		10	8			1	1	1500				25	200 00	1000	25 00			1	17	74	30 00	4 00		34 00	1 00		
Cypress Mis.....		243	216	27	3	3	12	10	4	4										3	16	140	16 00			9 00	25 00			
Manchaca.....	2	361	343	15	17	14	5	3	4	2	2600	1	500		31 75						3	12	107	27 35		1 30	130 52	159 17	3 00	
Manor.....		152	164	4	4	16	1	1	1	1	2500	1	1750		90	502 00			1	1	1	7	30	22 50	4 25	3 50	30 25			
Webberville.....		248	245	3	7	7	12	3	5	3	2925	1	600								1	15	86	16 00	6 00		22 00			
Elgin.....		216	211		12	7	7	2	1	1	1500	1	1000		250				1	17	1	8	76	23 85	10 45		34 35			
McDade.....	1	323	283	41	6	7	15	16		1	3000					100 00				3	15	110		5 00	2 10	10 00	17 10	1 00		
Bastrop.....	1	161	143	31	7	20		22	1	1	5500	1	2600			219 00			1	17	1	14	81	41 73	10 45	2 25	10 00	64 43		
Cedar Creek.....	1	155	160	10	5	20	1	5	5	1			600			337 00				3	20	100	15 00				15 00	1 60		
West Point.....		285	246	60	15	10	10	20	5	5	4000	1	800			500 00			1	55	3	15	125	20 00			20 00	1 25		
La Grange.....	1	222	232		4	4	2		1	1	5000	1	2500			70 00				1	11	95	38 31			10 00	48 31			
Eagle Lake & R. I.*.....		178	114	39	30	5	6	9	3	3	5100	200 00	1	1000		3315 80	1000	40 50	100		4	2	160	72 35	5 55		15 00	92 90		
Smithville.....	1	181	180		23	22	2		1	1	2700	1	1000			93 00				1	1	16	105	60 00	40 00	3 20		103 00	1 00	
Columbus.....		185	221	1	1	36	3		1	2	4500	1	800		598	25 35			2	35	1	12	70	44 40	12 00		56 40			
Weimar & O.....	1	266	281	1	8	23	8		2	2	2900	1	700			85 00			1	25	1	15	125	30 00	8 80	5 50	44 30	2 50		
Flatonla.....	1	225	300		3	45		1	1	1						20 00			1	30	14	135	85 00	20 05	3 00		108 05	3 70		
Merrilltown&W.....		150	152		7	11	2	2	2	2	2400	89 00	1	600		6 00					1	14	80	12 00		7 00	2 75	21 75		
TOTAL.....	15	4579	4498	262	289	367	85	99	42	31	51475	289 00	15	16450	2548	5879 90	4250	92 50	100	11	409	37	323	2450	921 49	176 55	35 35	322 27	1457 01	18 05

Name of Charge.	PRESIDING ELDER.		PREACHER IN CHARGE.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.		DOMESTIC MISSIONS.		CHURCH EXTENSION.		EDUCATION.		W's M. Soc.	W's H. M. Soc.	Orphanage.	OTHER OBJECTS.	Paine and Lane.	TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES.
	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	
10th St., Austin.	284 00	284 00	2000 00	2000 00	41 00	20 00	160 00	160 00	195 00	65 00	178 00	95 00	79 00	15 00	66 00	25 00	127 15	347 42	20 00	822 57	3 00	3953 55
Hotchkiss M.....	92 00	92 00	650 00	650 00	14 00	14 00	52 00	52 00	63 00	63 00	58 00	58 00	25 00	25 00	20 00	20 00	55 00	162 00	9 00	592 00		1580 00
1st St., Austin.....	64 00	64 00	500 00	500 00	10 00	5 00	40 00	38 00	44 00	20 00	40 00	20 00	18 00	5 00	14 00		12 00	60 00	5 00	20 00		1200 00
South Austin.....	32 00	4 00	250 00	101 00	5 00	5 00	20 00	12 00	24 00	20 00	22 00	22 00	9 00	7 00	8 00	8 00			4 00		1 00	185 00
Cypress Mis.....	28 00	11 00	250 00	100 00	4 00	4 00	20 00	9 00	20 00	20 00	18 00	18 00	8 00			6 00			3 00	5 00		229 60
Manchaca.....	60 00	60 00	475 00	475 00	9 00	9 00	38 00	38 00	42 00	42 00	38 00	38 00	17 00	17 00	14 00	14 00			6 00		2 00	704 00
Manor.....	85 00	72 85	500 00	436 95	13 00	9 00	40 00	34 10	58 00	38 60	53 00	35 00	24 00	14 10	20 00	12 00	18 05		8 00	50 03	2 00	730 78
Webberville.....	75 00	67 00	530 00	477 00	11 00	11 00	42 00	38 00	52 00	50 00	47 00	44 00	20 00	18 00	20 00	18 00			3 00			735 00
Elgin.....	71 00	57 30	500 00	403 45	10 00	10 00	40 00	25 00	49 00	20 00	44 00	20 00	20 00	5 00	17 00	3 45			6 00			550 20
McDade.....	41 85	41 85	380 00	380 00	7 00	7 00	36 00	36 00	33 00	33 00	30 00	30 00	14 00	14 00	12 00	12 00			4 00		2 00	560 85
Bastrop.....	113 00	113 00	800 00	800 00	16 00	16 00	64 00	64 00	78 00	78 00	72 00	72 00	32 00	32 00	26 00	26 00	25 00		10 00	96 75	4 00	1612 43
Cedar Creek.....	35 00	29 30	293 00	225 70	4 00	4 00	23 35	23 35	26 00	26 00	24 00	24 00	11 00	11 00	7 00	7 00			3 00		1 00	355 95
West Point.....	85 00	60 00	450 00	450 00	8 00	5 00	36 00	25 00	58 00	45 00	53 00	35 00	18 00	5 00	20 00	5 00			6 00	5 00		1136 00
La Grange.....	113 00	160 00	800 00	700 00	16 00	8 00	64 00	56 00	78 00	65 00	72 00	65 00	32 00	5 00	26 00	5 00	73 00					1316 71
Eagle Lake & R. I.....	71 00	61 15	560 00	437 65	10 00	5 00	40 00	7 00	48 00	15 00	44 00	6 50	19 00	5 00	17 00			287 50	5 00			4278 55
Smithville.....	78 00	78 00	600 00	600 00	12 00	12 00	48 00	48 00	54 00	54 00	50 00	50 00	17 00	17 00	17 00				7 00		2 00	809 00
Columbus.....	100 00	70 50	750 00	600 00	14 00	11 00	60 00	40 00	68 00	56 00	62 00	45 00	28 00	9 00	42 00	8 00		25 40	5 00	103 12		1057 77
Weimar & O.....	90 00	82 00	650 00	592 10	13 00	10 00	52 00	50 00	62 00	62 00	57 00	57 00	25 00	10 00	42 00				22 00			895 60
Flatonla.....	113 00	113 00	700 00	700 00	16 00	16 00	56 00	56 00	78 00	78 00	72 00	72 00	32 00	32 00	26 00	26 00			10 00		4 00	1100 10
Walnut & M.....	57 00	42 00	400 00	302 00	8 00	5 00	32 00	24 00	40 00	15 00	36 00	12 00	16 00	3 00	14 00	5 00			5 00			463 00
TOTAL.....	1687 85	1502 95	11977 00	10930 85	241 00	186 10	963 35	736 05	1170 00	865 60	1070 00	818 50	464 00	249 10	393 00	210 45	310 20	882 32	141 00	1934 18	21 00	23514 09

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STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS—BRENHAM DISTRICT, 1899.

Name of Charge.	L. preach.	Members this Year.	Members last Year.	On Prof. of Faith.	Cert. or otherwise.	Removals, all causes.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Societies in Charge.	Churches.	Value of Churches.	Indebtedness on Churches.	Parson's Value of Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Parson's	Value of Other Ch Property.	C'sh Exp'd on Ch's and Pars.	INSURANCE STATISTICS.			No. Ep. L's. Ep League Members.	No S. Sch's	No. Office's & Teach's.	No. of Scholars.	Am't col- lected for Sunday Schools.	Am't col- lected for Missions.	Am't col'd on Chil- dren's day	Am't col'd for Other Objects.	Total Amount Raised.	AM. BIBLE SOC'Y.		
																	Ins. car'd	Pre- ums paid.	Loss Sust.										Paid.		
Brenham.....	2	337	343	6	13	15	6	.....	1	1	15000	.....	1	3500	700	37 50	.....	.....	.....	1	17	140	66 90	22 00	.....	.....	88 90	.....		
Chappell Hill.....	.....	174	178	1	6	4	4	.....	1	1	1200	.....	1	1000	4000	50 00	.....	.....	.....	1	20	12	70	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	14 00	.....	
Giddings.....	.....	93	136	.....	5	33	.....	.....	3	2	2300	.....	1	700	500	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	90	40 00	5 20	1 05	.....	46 25	3 60	
Bellville.....	.....	251	250	.....	.....	6	9	.....	4	3	4000	.....	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	90	15 00	.....	.....	.....	29 00	1 45	
Sealy.....	.....	204	180	8	36	12	7	.....	4	3	3000	.....	1	1500	.....	120 00	.....	.....	.....	1	20	30	201	50 00	12 00	6 00	75 00	153 00	.....	
Lyons.....	1	210	208	5	9	11	5	.....	4	3	1650	.....	1	1000	100	43 00	600	9 00	.....	1	12	13	110	30 00	.....	.....	20 00	3 30	
Caldwell.....	.....	255	253	5	16	19	5	1	.....	2	6000	.....	1	1700	2000	76 00	1500	20 00	.....	1	16	16	100	51 50	50 00	.....	101 50	5 00	
Milano.....	.....	379	397	1	21	40	.....	.....	5	4	4000	.....	1	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	15	200	12 00	5 00	.....	17 00	3 50	
Cameron.....	2	255	285	4	22	46	6	.....	1	1	3000	.....	1	3000	1000	105 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	148	27 95	8 14	4 91	.....	44 97	.....		
Cameron Ct.....	.....	294	281	18	17	22	9	11	.....	3	1850	.....	1	450	.....	142 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	19	122	27 95	8 14	5 00	3 88	44 97	1 50
Davilla.....	.....	436	410	37	12	23	4	25	.....	5	2500	.....	1	500	1200	1406 00	.....	.....	.....	1	23	4	15	135	10 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	
Maysfield*.....	.....	229	239	3	7	20	16	1	3	2	2340	.....	1	1000	.....	1056 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	94	17 65	1 75	9 65	.....	.....	27 75	.....	
Rockdale.....	.....	155	142	13	15	15	8	7	1	1	4000	.....	1	900	.....	100 00	2000	25 00	.....	1	20	11	116	48 00	65 00	.....	.....	113 00	3 00
Pleasant Hill.....	.....	283	310	9	10	46	10	6	4	3	3000	.....	1	700	.....	25 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	70	18 00	2 10	3 01	29 55	52 56	12 00	.....	
Lexington.....	1	240	226	4	11	9	7	4	4	3	2400	.....	1	450	300	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1	13	3	15	120	22 00	.....	5 00	27 00	1 00
Deanville.....	1	194	189	4	10	5	2	1	5	1	500	.....	1	200	425	76 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ben Arnold.....	1	113	112	4	14	16	5	4	4	2	600	.....	1	350	.....	136 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Patterson.....	.....	285	.....	5	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	3200	.....	1	890	.....	135 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 60	.....	
TOTAL.....	12	4102	4404	134	248	342	103	72	55	40	57040	18	21240	100	10125	3594 50	4100	54 00	10	195	35	227	1806	441 60	213 47	29 62	113 43	780 50	24 35

Name of Charge.	PRESIDING ELDER.		PREACHER IN CHARGE.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.		DOMESTIC MISSIONS.		CHURCH EXTENSION.		EDUCATION.		W's F. M. Soc.	W's H. M. Soc.	Orphanage.	OTHER OBJECTS.	Paine and Lane.	TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES.
	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
Brenham.....	204 00	204 00	1200 00	1200 00	35 00	25 00	96 00	96 00	135 00	125 00	125 00	115 00	48 00	38 00	50 00	42 00	26 25	91 27	18 00	183 09	.....	2106 09
Chappell Hill ..	119 00	119 00	700 00	700 00	12 00	10 00	56 00	45 00	70 00	20 00	60 00	15 00	26 00	7 00	25 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	926 00
Giddings.....	85 00	85 00	500 00	500 00	15 00	15 00	40 00	40 00	55 00	60 55	50 00	55 00	25 00	25 00	20 00	20 00	.....	.....	8 50	.....	.....	814 65
Bellville.....	73 10	66 90	430 00	393 00	12 00	12 00	34 40	15 48	40 00	18 00	45 00	20 25	18 00	8 10	20 00	9 00	.....	.....	8 00	.....	90	685 10
Sealy.....	108 00	79 29	675 60	475 53	15 00	8 00	54 00	36 95	78 00	22 00	56 00	8 00	26 00	6 00	24 00	10 00	.....	.....	8 45	.....	.....	1054 22
Lyons.....	76 00	53 75	450 00	319 35	12 00	7 95	36 00	23 75	46 00	30 75	45 00	29 85	22 00	14 55	18 00	11 90	.....	.....	2 00	.....	1 25	573 65
Caldwell.....	102 06	102 60	600 00	605 00	15 00	15 00	48 00	48 00	70 00	70 00	60 00	60 00	25 00	25 00	20 00	20 00	.....	.....	23 00	.....	4 00	932 60
Milano.....	85 00	59 30	348 20	348 20	12 00	5 00	40 00	15 00	50 00	20 00	35 00	8 00	23 00	5 00	26 00	5 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	496 00
Cameron St.....	183 60	169 50	1080 00	999 50	24 00	24 00	86 40	86 40	105 00	105 00	90 00	90 00	40 00	40 00	43 00	43 00	.....	.....	15 00	.....	5 00	1577 40
Cameron Ct.....	85 00	55 00	500 00	300 65	11 00	7 00	40 00	26 00	43 00	31 25	35 00	23 25	18 00	9 00	18 00	10 00	.....	.....	5 00	158 80	1 50	625 95
Davilla.....	85 00	65 18	500 00	383 42	12 00	10 00	40 00	30 50	46 00	46 00	36 00	36 00	24 00	5 00	20 00	4 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	584 58
Maysfield.....	85 00	50 51	500 00	297 89	12 00	4 30	40 00	23 75	42 00	14 70	35 00	13 60	18 00	6 45	20 00	7 20	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	1512 95
Rockdale.....	119 00	119 00	700 00	700 00	15 00	15 00	56 00	56 00	65 00	65 00	65 00	65 00	30 00	30 00	25 00	25 00	.....	150 00	.....	30 50	.....	1118 50
Pleasant Hill ..	54 40	43 30	320 00	255 95	12 00	6 00	25 60	12 00	46 00	40 00	35 00	25 00	16 00	8 00	20 00	11 00	.....	.....	7 00	.....	50	410 75
Lexington.....	68 00	55 50	400 00	328 10	12 00	6 00	32 00	26 25	40 00	10 00	40 00	14 00	18 00	5 00	15 00	6 00	.....	.....	8 50	.....	1 00	461 35
Deanville.....	.....	19 25	.....	112 65	4 00	2 00	.....	9 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	12 00	6 00	.....	4 00	4 00	.....	.....	3 00	7 00	.....	265 25
Ben Arnold.....	40 00	2 70	250 00	150 10	2 00	2 00	20 00	20 00	17 00	17 00	20 00	20 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	241 30
Patterson.....	97 75	48 10	575 00	285 40	12 00	.....	46 00	.....	40 00	50 00	45 00	45 00	25 00	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	20 40	.....	.....	450 90
TOTAL.....	1669 85	1420 88	9828 20	8354 74	244 00	174 25	790 40	610 08	1008 00	765 25	897 00	654 95	414 00	236 10	386 00	240 10	26 25	241 27	173 85	379 39	16 15	14887 24

*One church damaged \$100.00.

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STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS—CALVERT DISTRICT, 1899.

Name of Charge.	L. preach.	Members this Year.	Members last Year.	On Prof. of Faith.	Cert. or otherwise.	Removals, all causes.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Societies in Charge.	Churches.	Value of Churches.	Indebtedness on Churches.	Parson's Value of Parsonages.	Indebtedness on parson's.	Value of Other C'h Property.	C'sh Exp'd on Ch'ch's and Pars.	INSURANCE STATISTICS.			No. Ep. Ls. Ep League Members.	No. S. Sch's.	No. Offic's & Teach's.	No. of Scholars.	Am't collected for Sunday Schools.	Am't collected for Missions.	Am't col'd on Children's day.	Am't col'd for Other Objects.	Total Amount Raised.	AM. BIBLE SO'CY.		
																	Ins. card.	Pre-'ums paid.	Loss Sust.										Paid.		
Calvert.....	4	331	295	36	22	22	8	8	1	1	4000	.....	2	2200	.....	15 00	.....	.....	1	45	1	18	160	99 79	50 45	.....	80 00	150 20	.....	
Bremond & R....	1	375	396	20	4	21	10	10	1	1	5000	1	800	250	300 00	1	35	1	20	175	80 00	15 00	80 00	175 00	3 00	
Marlin	233	252	5	16	40	3	12	1	1	4500	1	1600	75	400 00	5000	76 00	1	14	95	80 00	30 00	110 00	
Lott	412	322	35	15	15	10	40	2	2	3000	1	750	150	306 80	1	9	3	15	125	25 00	5 00	30 00	
Rosebud.....	331	303	53	15	30	20	4	4	2500	1	500	400 00	4	20	250	20 00	1 85	1 85	31 00	1 00	
Durango.....	377	325	80	88	46	42	42	4	4	3575	.....	1	425	15	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	24	175	19 00	12 00	.....	31 00	1 00	
Kosse.....	133	131	6	20	19	2	2	1	1	1500	.....	1	800	.....	75 00	.....	.....	.....	1	25	1	8	69	25 65	.....	.....	25 65	.....	
Kosse Ct.....	337	282	26	9	9	6	20	3	3	2500	.....	1	400	75	150	24 91	100	6 00	.....	.....	3	24	250	50 00	.....	60 00	110 00	1 30	
Personville.....	192	162	14	24	8	1	14	4	1	800	.....	1	400	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	12	96	13 00	1 85	17 00	31 85	.....	
Fairfield.....	461	372	89	12	12	5	56	4	3	3600	.....	1	1000	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	1	20	3	35	130	60 00	2 96	5 60	68 56	.....	
Hearne & W.....	309	280	39	23	29	2	26	3	2	2500	.....	1	800	.....	78 25	.....	.....	.....	1	30	1	1	50	45 00	7 00	10 00	62 00	.....	
Franklin.....	156	152	6	10	10	1	4	1	1	1200	.....	1	600	.....	104 45	.....	.....	.....	1	16	1	9	90	40 00	20 00	1 00	61 00	1 00	
Franklin Mis.....	218	226	2	9	20	5	2	5	2	850	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	11	64	7 00	.....	.....	7 00	.....	
Mt. Vernon.....	265	255	5	15	10	3	3	4	4	2000	.....	1	500	.....	125 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	15	125	18 00	1 75	19 75	.....	.....
Petteway.....	303	302	8	16	23	6	8	5	3	2000	.....	1	600	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10	40	10 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	
Jewett.....	208	215	6	3	16	3	2	3	1	600	.....	1	500	.....	700 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	15	100	50 00	3 67	53 67	.....	.....
Rogers Prairie..	244	202	33	9	9	3	8	5	2	1300	1	1000	90	1	2	25	4 40	4 40	30 00	1 50	
Centerville.....	408	404	8	6	10	3	7	5	3	4050	.....	1	1000	.....	270 00	.....	.....	.....	1	30	3	34	250	30 00	.....	.....	61 23	1 00	
Buffalo & O.....	1	306	261	27	51	31	16	15	2	2	2250	.....	.....	.....	.....	497 34	.....	.....	.....	1	44	3	21	190	35 69	26 66	.....	61 23	1 00
TOTAL.....	26	5599	5137	445	404	364	128	289	61	41	47425	16	11675	390	580	3546 75	5100	82 00	10	265	40	323	2449	712 53	170 92	15 72	167 00	1065 01	8 80

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Calvert.....	170 50	170 50	1100 00	1100 00	20 60	20 60	88 00	88 00	110 00	110 00	101 65	101 65	45 40	45 40	30 40	30 40	91 60	124 40	14 40	325 62	5 30	2227 87
Bremond & R.....	108 00	100 00	650 00	625 00	13 10	13 10	52 00	50 00	70 40	70 40	64 60	64 60	28 90	28 90	19 40	19 40	.....	.....	28 00	.....	3 40	1047 80
Marlin.....	155 00	155 00	800 00	800 00	18 70	18 70	64 00	64 00	100 00	100 00	92 40	92 40	41 30	41 30	27 40	27 40	71 26	17 90	13 00	.....	4 90	2787 86
Lott.....	77 50	60 90	457 50	359 10	9 35	.....	36 55	10 00	50 00	.....	46 20	5 00	20 65	.....	13 85	.....	.....	.....	6 50	.....	.....	581 50
Rosebud.....	93 00	61 70	625 00	445 40	11 20	.....	50 00	30 50	60 00	20 00	55 45	10 00	24 80	.....	16 60	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 20	.....	376 10
Durango.....	62 00	45 50	325 00	251 40	7 50	4 00	24 40	20 00	40 00	6 00	36 95	6 00	16 50	1 00	11 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 10	.....	501 00
Kosse St.....	46 50	46 50	300 00	300 00	5 50	5 50	24 00	25 00	30 00	30 00	27 70	27 00	12 40	12 40	8 30	8 30	.....	.....	.....	4 80	.....	612 20
Kosse Ct.....	48 37	48 37	309 95	309 95	6 90	6 90	24 80	24 80	36 75	20 00	34 00	34 00	15 20	8 00	10 10	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	160 00
Personville.....	18 00	12 30	140 00	80 70	2 35	1 00	11 20	2 50	12 50	2 50	11 55	2 50	5 15	1 50	3 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	939 05
Fairfield.....	80 00	83 00	545 00	557 00	9 70	10 00	42 50	40 00	52 00	52 50	48 05	48 00	20 00	20 00	14 00	14 00	48 10	.....	64 00	.....	2 00	960 00
Hearne & W.....	107 20	108 85	540 80	551 60	11 20	5 60	43 25	43 25	60 00	30 00	55 45	27 75	21 80	12 40	16 60	8 30	.....	2 50	10 00	.....	1 50	934 15
Franklin St.....	93 00	93 00	600 00	600 00	11 20	11 20	48 00	.....	60 00	55 00	55 45	45 00	24 80	16 00	16 60	12 00	42 15	.....	.....	.....	35	201 65
Franklin Ct.....	21 45	18 00	162 00	145 90	2 10	1 30	12 95	12 95	11 25	7 00	10 40	6 00	4 65	2 85	3 10	1 95	.....	.....	1 50	.....	1 60	440 75
Mt. Vernon.....	50 40	40 20	349 60	275 00	6 05	6 05	27 96	28 00	32 50	30 00	35 00	30 00	13 40	13 40	9 25	9 30	.....	.....	5 30	.....	.....	366 05
Petteway.....	33 33	27 95	250 00	184 35	5 60	5 00	20 00	14 75	30 00	15 00	27 70	12 00	12 40	3 10	8 30	3 00	.....	.....	3 90	.....	.....	503 95
Jewett.....	62 60	51 15	400 00	345 00	7 10	6 00	32 00	32 00	38 00	28 00	35 10	20 00	15 70	8 00	10 50	6 00	.....	.....	12 20	.....	65	563 75
Rogers Prairie..	60 00	61 65	330 00	356 00	6 50	8 00	26 40	28 50	60 00	36 50	31 85	34 00	14 25	15 00	9 50	11 50	.....	.....	9 10	.....	2 00	795 35
Centerville.....	93 33	93 33	544 00	544 00	11 20	8 00	43 62	40 00	60 00	36 00	55 45	35 00	24 80	13 00	16 60	8 00	10 65	.....	7 80	.....	.....	1137 72
Buffalo & O.....	60 35	44 90	400 00	363 30	6 05	6 05	32 00	32 00	32 50	32 50	30 00	30 00	13 40	13 40	9 25	9 25	41 95	.....	4 20	.....	1 60	.....
TOTAL.....	1436 93	1222 80	8828 05	8193 70	171 90	137 00	703 63	586 25	920 40	686 40	849 20	630 90	378 50	265 95	254 30	183 80	263 56	186 95	194 00	325 62	25 80	16189 15

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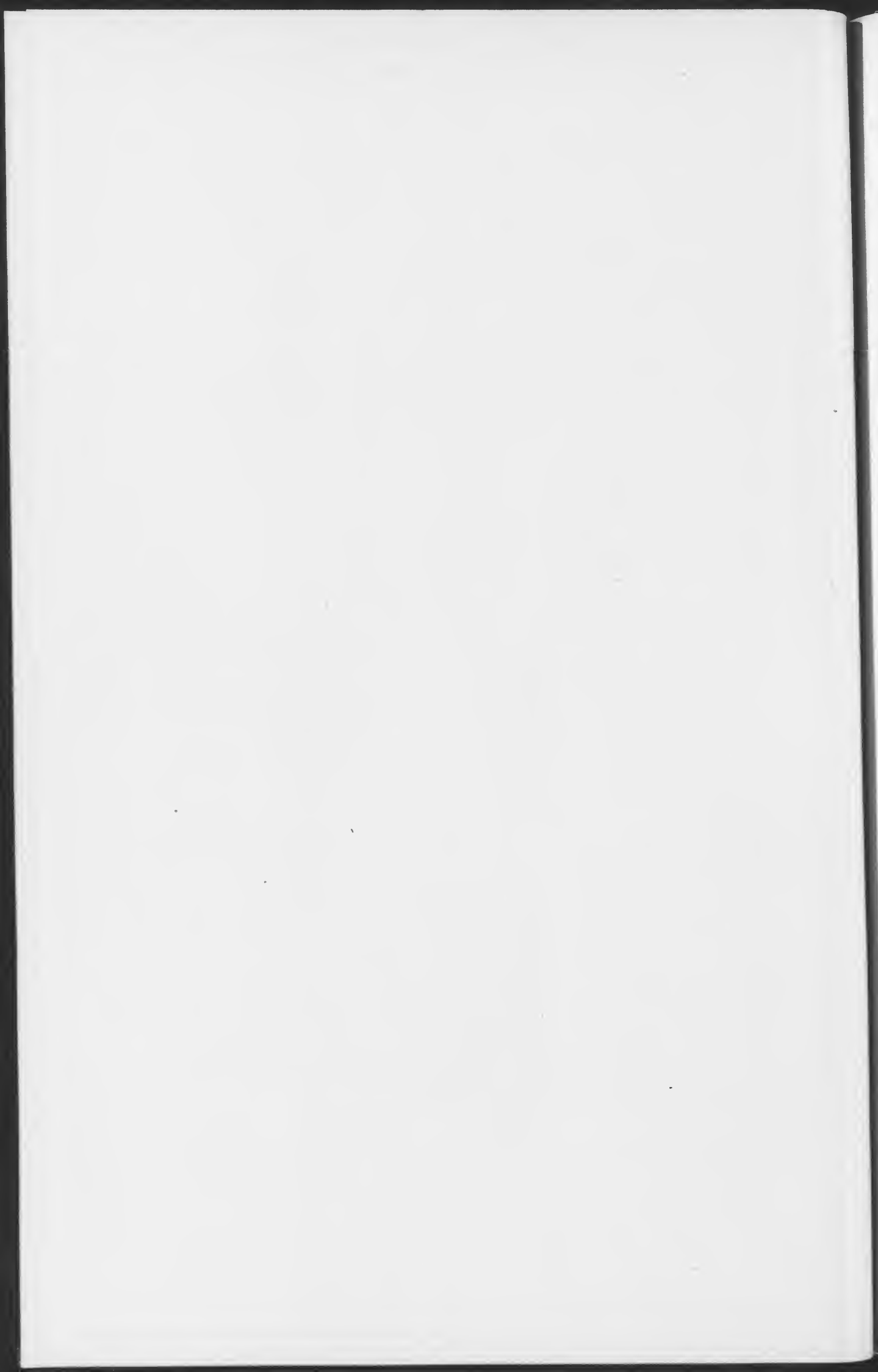
Name of Charge.	L. preach.	Members this Year.	Members last Year.	On Prof. of Faith.	Cert. or otherwise.	Removals. all Causes.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Societies in Charge.	Churches.	Value of Churches.	Indebted-ness on Churches.	Parson's Value of Parson-ages.	Indebted-ness on Parson's	Value of Other Ch Property.	C'sh Exp'd on Ch'ch's and Pars.	INSURANCE STATISTICS.			No. Ep L's League Members.	No. S Sch's & Teach's.	No. of Scholars.	Am't col- lected for Sunday Schools.	Am't col- lected for Missions.	Am't col'd on Chil- dren's day.	Am't col'd for Other Objects.	Total Amount Raised.	AM. BIBLE SOC'Y Paid.			
																	Ins. car'd	Pre- ums paid	Loss Sust.												
Huntsville .....	.....	373	335	18	34	14	.....	9	1	1	6500	.....	1	2500	.....	309 65	.....	.....	.....	1	40	1	15	200	63 29	25 00	10 00	.....	98 29	12 00	
Anderson .....	.....	362	350	25	12	25	13	17	4	4	4700	.....	1	518	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	12	125	30 00	.....	1 90	.....	31 90	.....
Navasota .....	.....	253	263	15	12	35	15	9	1	1	4056	.....	1	1500	.....	115 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	20	90	53 60	27 00	.....	80 60	8 00	.....
Courtney & P.	1	295	296	16	7	23	9	14	6	4	5000	.....	1	850	.....	153 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	21	126	18 00	1 75	5 00	7 00	31 83	.....
Waller .....	.....	276	287	14	7	33	4	10	7	3	1000	.....	1	200	150 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	13	100	15 00	0 65	.....	15 65	.....	.....
Conroe	1	104	85	9	7	7	7	9	1	1	1500	.....	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	7	90	32 00	10 00	.....	42 00	.....	.....
Dodge	1	329	321	4	12	8	16	3	5	3	1200	.....	1	.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	16	120	25 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....
Madisonville	1	404	393	19	7	15	18	9	4	2	1800	.....	1	600	.....	660 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	110	38 00	.....	2 00	5 00	45 00	.....	.....
Prairie Plains...	1	186	166	19	9	8	16	10	6	4	3000	.....	1	600	.....	1358 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	60	10 00	1 30	.....	11 30	3 00	.....	.....
Zion	4	284	346	1	12	29	6	.....	4	2	1000	.....	1	300	125 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	18	115	15 00	.....	2 30	.....	17 30	1 30	.....
Hempstead	1	138	150	.....	6	18	.....	.....	2	1	1325	.....	1	875	.....	137 00	.....	15 25	.....	.....	.....	3	18	115	15 00	.....	2 30	.....	17 30	1 30	.....
Bryan .....	.....	182	187	1	6	12	11	.....	1	1	2500	.....	1	2000	.....	148 00	.....	800	.....	.....	.....	1	17	122	80 86	18 00	.....	98 86	.....	.....	.....
Willis .....	.....	183	187	5	1	10	2	5	1	1	2000	.....	1	1000	150 00	.....	2000	15 00	.....	.....	.....	1	6	60	58 00	18 00	.....	76 00	.....	.....	.....
Cold Springs	1	202	277	16	3	3	3	6	4	4	3000	.....	1	800	200 00	454 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	100	12 00	.....	2 45	.....	14 45	1 00	.....
Montgomery .....	.....	94	80	10	14	4	4	4	.....	.....	1600	.....	1	500	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	90	50 00	15 00	5 50	70 50	.....	.....	.....
Millican Ct. ....	.....	295	279	92	5	78	17	47	5	5	2290	.....	1	400	.....	108 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	29	145	32 62	3 00	75 55	111 23	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL	15	3960	3952	264	144	340	143	152	54	39	42381	16	13643	780 05	3926 21	5800	96 25	6	168	36	236	1736	557 33	128 65	34 65	90 55	811 48	25 30

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Huntsville	225 00	225 00	1200 00	1200 00	25 00	25 00	96 00	96 00	160 00	160 00	100 00	100 00	60 00	60 00	45 00	45 00	18 35	505 32	17 00	304 76	5 00	2768 33
Anderson	60 00	46 85	515 00	404 80	7 00	7 00	41 20	32 35	50 00	32 60	48 00	29 25	20 00	1 65	14 00	.....	.....	.....	15 35	2 50	.....	636 70
Navasota	100 00	100 00	800 00	800 00	13 00	13 00	64 00	64 00	94 00	94 00	73 00	73 00	32 00	32 00	21 00	21 60	46 85	.....	17 00	160 35	2 00	1720 53
Courtney & P.	50 00	42 10	400 00	337 20	7 00	7 00	32 00	27 00	40 00	24 75	40 00	24 03	15 00	7 50	12 00	6 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	482 55
Waller	50 00	39 10	350 00	274 25	7 00	5 00	28 00	22 25	35 00	25 00	39 00	25 00	17 00	7 25	12 00	4 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	407 85
Conroe St.	50 00	48 80	500 00	487 95	7 00	7 00	40 00	30 00	35 00	20 00	40 00	20 00	15 00	.....	12 00	7 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	770 48
Dodge	40 00	30 10	327 00	289 85	5 00	2 50	26 00	17 25	20 00	15 85	25 00	16 00	5 00	2 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	452 00
Madisonville	60 00	50 40	450 00	377 85	8 00	5 00	36 00	30 30	45 00	15 00	48 00	15 00	20 00	10 00	14 00	9 35	28 10	.....	4 00	.....	.....	1392 15
Prairie Plains...	45 00	45 00	300 00	300 00	5 00	5 00	24 00	24 00	34 00	34 00	31 00	31 00	14 00	14 00	7 00	7 00	.....	.....	5 00	3 00	.....	1840 80
Zion Ct.	25 00	21 25	300 00	233 22	4 00	4 00	24 00	17 30	26 00	26 00	23 00	23 25	10 00	10 00	7 00	7 00	.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	641 43
Hempstead	60 00	38 00	600 00	377 00	8 00	8 00	48 00	32 00	45 00	30 00	50 00	40 00	21 00	10 00	16 00	7 00	13 25	.....	7 00	.....	.....	559 50
Bryan	110 00	110 00	800 00	800 00	14 00	10 00	64 00	64 00	95 00	70 00	83 00	70 00	34 00	20 00	23 00	12 00	3 00	148 00	10 00	.....	3 00	1320 00
Willis	65 00	65 00	500 00	530 03	8 00	8 00	40 00	40 00	52 03	52 00	48 03	48 00	21 00	21 03	14 00	14 00	30 00	.....	6 00	7 40	.....	954 00
Cold Springs	60 00	34 50	500 00	287 70	8 00	5 00	40 00	22 00	45 00	20 00	47 00	5 00	21 00	5 00	14 00	5 00	.....	.....	6 00	96 10	.....	870 65
Montgomery	50 00	39 85	300 00	256 50	7 00	5 00	24 00	20 00	35 00	35 00	40 00	35 00	15 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	506 00
TOTAL	1050 00	935 95	7842 00	6956 32	133 00	126 50	627 20	538 45	811 00	674 20	735 00	554 50	320 00	210 40	216 00	146 35	111 45	681 42	121 35	1392 66	19 25	15322 97

RECAPITULATION, STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT—TEXAS CONFERENCE, 1899

Name of District.	L. Preach.	Members this Year.	Members last Year.	On Prof. of Faith.	Cert. or otherwise.	Removals, all Causes.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Societies in Charge.	Churches.	Value of Churches.	Indebtedness on Churches.	Parson's Value of Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Parson's.	Value of other Ch Property.	C'sh Exp'd on Ch's and Pars.	INSURANCE STATISTICS.			No. Ep. Ls.	Ep League Members.	No. S. Sch's	No. Offic's & Teach's.	No. of Scholars.	Am't collected for Sunday Schools.	Am't collected for Missions.	Am't col'd on Children's Day.	Am't col'd for other Objects.	Total Amount Raised.	AM. BIBLE. SOC'Y.	
																	Ins. car'd	Pre-'ums paid.	Loss Sust.											Paid.	
Houston Dis.....	23	4963	4624	373	503	533	182	161	59	35	145800	1177 50	15	19500	3036	37350 00	9105 76	40250	518 20	.....	25	961	43	376	3180	1493 93	401 59	23 45	568 23	2788 10	10 10
Austin Dis.....	15	4603	4498	263	289	367	85	99	42	31	51475	289 00	15	16450	.....	2548 00	5879 90	4250	92 50	100 00	11	409	37	323	2450	921 49	176 55	35 35	322 23	1457 01	18 05
Brenham Dis....	12	4106	4404	134	248	342	103	72	55	40	43540	.....	18	21240	100	10135 00	1394 60	4100	54 00	.....	10	195	35	237	1806	441 60	213 47	29 62	113 43	780 50	24 35
Calvert Dis.....	26	5600	5137	445	404	364	128	289	61	41	47425	.....	16	11675	390	580 00	3546 75	5100	82 00	.....	10	265	40	323	2449	712 53	170 92	15 72	167 00	1065 01	8 80
Huntsville Dis..	15	3963	3952	264	144	340	143	152	54	39	42381	.....	16	13643	.....	780 05	3926 21	5800	96 25	.....	6	168	36	236	1736	557 33	128 65	34 65	90 55	811 48	25 30
TOTAL.....	90	23231	22515	1479	1588	1944	641	783	271	186	330621	1466 50	80	82508	3526	71383 05	23853 22	59500	842 95	100 00	62	1998	191	1485	11621	4126 88	1091 18	138 79	1261 48	6902 10	86 60
LAST YEAR.....	104	23039	22310	1132	2064	2435	568	536	275	186	375500	1186 45	75	73510	1518	39340 00	19007 92	37750	213 80	.....	69	2210	179	1538	11255	4303 64	1029 50	59 03	701 68	6179 70	.....
INCREASE	192	305	347	73	247	280 05	5	8998	2008	32043 05	4845 30	21750	629 15	12	366	61 68	79 76	559 80	722 40
DECREASE.....	14	476	491	4	44879	7	212	53	176 76

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Woman's Home Mission Society,
OF THE
TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE—M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,

Held in Marlin, Texas, Dec. 7th, 8th and 9th, 1899.

First Day, December 7, 1899.

The Annual Conference of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Texas Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in the Presbyterian Church, in Marlin, Texas, December 7, 1899.

After religious service conducted by Mrs. S. W. Thomas, Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, Conference Corresponding Secretary, in the absence of both President and Vice-President, called the Society to order, and Mrs. S. W. Thomas was unanimously elected President pro tem.

The roll was then called and delegates from the following charges answered to their names:

Shearn Memorial, Mrs. B. Blandin; McKee Street, Mrs. E. E. Scott; West End, Mrs. S. F. Chambers; Richmond, Mrs. S. W. Thomas; Tenth Street, Austin (Young Ladies), Mrs. H. M. Whaling; Eagle Lake, Mrs. W. Y. Westmoreland; Marlin, Mrs. Z. W. Bartlette; Bryan, Mrs. T. B. Collins; Navasota, Mrs. G. L. Conoly; Brenham, Mrs. J. D. Campbell; Giddings, Mrs. S. A. Prestidge; Rockdale, Mrs. Geo. Fulton.

An address of welcome was then delivered by Mrs. Maffett, representing the Marlin Auxiliary, to which response, in behalf of the Conference Society, was made by Mrs. A. C. Hooper.

A letter from the President, Mrs. C. J. Oxley, was read, giving

family affliction as the cause of her absence and tendering her resignation as president, which resignation was reluctantly accepted, and a rising vote of condolence was tendered her in her affliction.

The Districts were then called. Houston and Calvert being the only ones represented by their Corresponding Secretaries, Mrs. B. Blandin and Miss E. Stokes, respectively, they made their reports.

A plea was made by Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss for the official organ, "Our Homes," and the following ladies were appointed agents to solicit subscriptions to this paper during this Conference:

Mrs. Maffett, Mrs. F. Nettles, Mrs. J. D. Campbell and Mrs. Clarke.

The following committees were appointed:

Parsonages.—Mrs. Maffett, Mrs. B. Blandin, Mrs. E. E. Scott.

Resolutions.—Mrs. J. D. Campbell, Mrs. E. L. Shettles, Mrs. W. Y. Westmoreland.

Literature and Press Work.—Mrs. Z. W. Bartlette, Mrs. R. J. Briggs, Mrs. T. B. Collins.

Extension of Work.—Mrs. B. Blandin, Mrs. T. B. Collins, Mrs. G. L. Conoly.

Finance.—Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, Mrs. W. G. Van Vleck, Mrs. S. A. Prestidge, Mrs. Geo. Fulton.

Platform Courtesies.—Mrs. Nettles, Mrs. Gunnell, Mrs. Spivey.

A motion prevailed that we meet at 2:30 each afternoon, in business session.

A bar was fix to include the first two seats nearest the front in each tier.

Bro. C. J. Oxley was introduced and requested to address the Conference on Home Mission Work, which he did.

An article from *Our Homes* on "Baby Roll and Mite Boxes," was read by Mrs. Geo. Fulton, after which a letter bearing upon the same subject, from Mrs. J. J. Tigert, was read by Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, who made a short talk concerning the importance of this department of our work.

After various announcements, the benediction was pronounced by Bro. H. M. Whaling, and the Conference adjourned.

Second Day, December 8, 1899.

Pursuant to adjournment the Society met December 8, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Mrs. S. W. Thomas in the chair.

After religious services, conducted by Mrs. B. Blandin, the roll was called.

The minutes were read, corrected and adopted.

The name of Mrs. S. F. Chambers was added to the Committee on Resolutions.

Mrs. S. Philpott, President of the Texas Annual Conference Society of Foreign Missions, and Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Financial Agent for the Dallas Rescue Home, were introduced to the Conference; Mrs. Johnson addressing the Conference in interest of the Rescue Home at Dallas.

Rev. Nath Thompson, Financial Agent for the San Antonio Rescue Home, and Rev. J. M. Moore, pastor of Travis Park Church, Agent for the Dallas Rescue Home, were introduced to the Conference concerning the San Antonio Rescue Home.

Mrs. B. Blandin spoke to the Conference, giving information concerning the Crittenton Rescue Home in Houston.

Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, Conference Corresponding Secretary, read her annual report.

The Conference Treasurer's report was read by the Secretary.

At the request of the President, the Secretary occupied the chair during the address by the President on "Our Schools and the Twentieth Century Educational Movement."

Reports from the different charges were then rendered by the following delegates:

HOUSTON DISTRICT.

Shearn, Mrs. B. Blandin; McKee, Mrs. E. E. Scott; Richmond, Mrs. S. W. Thomas.

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

Eagle Lake, Mrs. W. Y. Westmoreland.

CALVERT DISTRICT.

Calvert, Rosebud and Jewett were called and their reports were read by Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, as their delegates were not in attendance.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

Navasota, Mrs. G. L. Conoly.

BRENHAM DISTRICT.

Brenham, Mrs. J. D. Campbell; Giddings, Mrs. S. A. Prestidge; Rockdale, Mrs. Geo. Fulton; Friendship, Mrs. J. M. Crutchfield.

The benediction was then pronounced by Bro. Cameron, and the Conference adjourned.

Third Day, December 9, 1899.

Conference met at 2:30 p. m., with Mrs. S. W. Thomas in the chair.

Religious service was conducted by Mrs. H. M. Whaling, after which the roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The names of the charges not heretofore heard from were then called, and the following reports were heard.

St. James Auxiliary, in absence of its delegate, was represented by Bro. C. J. Oxley, pastor of that charge.

Hotchkiss Memorial was represented by Bro. E. L. Shettles, pastor of that charge, at the request of the delegates; Bro. Shettles also read a paper on "Parsonages and Supplies," written by Mrs. E. L. Shettles, delegate from Hotchkiss Memorial Auxiliary.

HOUSTON DISTRICT.

Report from McAshan Auxiliary was read by Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss. St. John, not represented. West End, Mrs. S. F. Chambers. White Oak was called but was not represented.

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

Tenth Street, Austin, Adult Auxiliary reported by Mrs. R. J. Briggs. Tenth Street, Austin, Young Ladies, was represented by Mrs. H. M. Whaling.

CALVERT DISTRICT.

Bremond, not represented. Franklin, in absence of delegate, was represented by Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss; Marlin, Mrs. Z. W. Bartlette.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

Conroe, delegate not present, but report was read by Secretary. Bryan, Mrs. T. B. Collins.

Tabernacle, Houston District, was called and Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss of that Society represented it.

The Finance Committee made its report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions made its report, which was adopted as read.

A motion to reconsider this motion was carried.

An amendment to this report was offered by Mrs. B. Blandin, that a certain amount (\$200) be pledged by this Society instead of an indefinite promise, for the liquidation of the debt on the San Antonio Rescue Home. The report was then adopted as amended.

A motion prevailed endorsing the action of our delegate to the meeting of the Home Mission Board, in pledging \$50 for our Conference for connectional work, over and above our regular dues, and instructing her to renew or enlarge that pledge as she may see fit.

Reports from Committees on Extension of Work, Parsonages, Literature and Press Work, were heard and each adopted as read.

Motion was made and carried that the paper on Tithing and Proportionate Giving be not read.

The following Auxiliaries pledged themselves to pay for connectional work, above their dues, the amounts opposite their names:

Marlin \$10, Tabernacle \$10, Richmond \$5, Tenth Street \$10, Shearn \$10, Calvert \$5, Navasota \$5.

Richmond and Rockdale each invited the Conference to hold their next meeting with them, but a motion prevailed that this body meet with the Texas Annual Conference, and as it meets in 1900 with Rockdale, the invitation of that place was unanimously accepted with thanks.

The following officers were elected, the Secretary, at the request of the Society, casting the ballots in each case:

President.....Mrs. S. W. Thomas
First Vice-President.....Mrs. J. D. Campbell.
Second Vice-President.....Mrs. E. L. Shettles.
Corresponding Secretary.....Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss.
Treasurer.....Mrs. J. M. Cotton.
Recording Secretary.....Mrs. C. A. Hooper.

The following District Secretaries were nominated and elected:

Houston District.....Mrs. B. Blandin.
Austin District.....Mrs. H. M. Whaling.
Calvert DistrictMiss E. N. Stokes.

Brenham District.....Mrs. J. M. Crutchfield.
 Huntsville District.....Mrs. S. S. Griffith.

The following Superintendents were elected:

Baby Roll.....Mrs. G. L. Conoly.
 Educational Fund.....Mrs. B. J. Guess.
 Parsonages.....Mrs. F. L. Allen.
 City Mission and Rescue Work.....Mrs. B. Blandin.

The minutes of this session were read and approved, and the Conference adjourned *sine die*, with prayer and benediction by Bro. H. M. Whaling.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF TEXAS
 CONFERENCE, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 1, 1899, TO
 THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**

	During year.	Increase.	Decrease.
Total number of women and girls who are members of the church.....	2,428	1,201	.....
Total number of adult auxiliaries.....	27	3	.....
Total number of adult members.....	464	56	.....
Total number of young people and juvenile auxiliaries.....	.....	.....	1
Total number of young people and juvenile members.....	.....	.....	35
Total number of members in the conference.....	464	21	.....
Total number added during year.....	122	.....	48
Total number lost during year.....	72	58	.....
Number of meetings held during year.....	255	51	.....
Number of auxiliaries that held every meeting during year.....	5	5	.....
Number of auxiliaries that held no meetings during year.....	.....	.....	.....
Average attendance during year.....	149	4	.....
Names of life members made during year.....	.....	.....	.....
Total number of life members.....	.....	.....	.....
Total number on baby roll.....	23	10	.....
Number of members on baby roll added during year.....	10	2	.....
Number of subscribers to "Our Homes".....	87	.....	19
Number of subscribers added during year.....	27	.....	24
Number taking Home Mission Reading Course.....	.....	.....	.....
Number of adult mite boxes in use.....	6	.....	13
Number of baby mite boxes in use.....	1	5	.....
Number pledged to proportionate and systematic giving.....	27	.....	7
Number of boxes of supplies sent off and reported to Superintendent of Supply Department.....	.....	.....	.....
Number of scholarships supported at \$25 per annum each in Mountain, Cuban or Japanese schools.....	1	.....	.....
Number of papers and leaflets distributed.....	2,582	228	.....
Number of annual reports distributed.....	65	17	.....
Number of auxiliaries observing week of prayer.....	10	4	.....
Number of auxiliaries contributing to connectional enterprises.....	5	5	.....
Number of district secretaries reporting quarterly.....	1	.....	.....
Number of annual district meetings held.....	None	.....	.....
Number of district parsonages.....	1	.....	.....
Number of visits made to sick and strangers.....	1,474	1,048	.....
Number of visits made to corrective or benevolent institutions.....	87	64	.....
Number of cottage prayer meetings or Bible readings held ..	36	24	.....
Number of garments in good order distributed.....	1,037	895	.....
Number of needy relieved.....	123	97	.....

St. James auxiliary has pledged one hundred dollars to the Rescue Home at San Antonio, one half of which has been paid.

MRS. O. T. HOTCHKISS,
Corresponding Secretary.

Committee on Parsonages.

We are glad that, under our system, it becomes the duty and we trust the privilege of our Society, to build and equip parsonages. The good derived from having these homes cannot be overestimated. It has always been the work of the women of the church to look after the furnishing and care of the parsonage, and now, since the organization of the Woman's Home Mission Society, they continue this work, only on a broader scale. We now assist in building these homes throughout the entire church. However, when we count our charges, we find the proportion of parsonages small. We would suggest even greater work and interest along this line. We realize that the larger number of our parsonages have been built since our Society was organized, and we feel proud of this fact.

We would recommend that especial attention be given to this work in those portions of our Conference where houses are poor and uncomfortable. Often for the need of a parsonage, the work is greatly hindered, and in some cases rendered impossible.

We also recommend that each Auxiliary secure an efficient First Vice-President and that said First Vice-President call especial attention to the importance of this department of our work.

We would further suggest that each Auxiliary appoint a committee, as the by-laws require, whose duty it shall be to look after the parsonage of that charge and see that it is kept furnished and comfortable.

MRS. D. S. MAFFETT, for the Committee.

Committee on Finance.

Realizing the utter impossibility of carrying on the work of our Society as it should be, without some provision for a contingent fund to defray the expenses necessarily incurred, your Committee on Finance begs leave to submit the following report:

First—We recommend that there be an assessment of 25 cents per member upon each Auxiliary as a contingent fund; that it be collected early in the year and remitted to Conference Treasurer, Auxiliary treasurers being careful to state the exact amount of contingent fund when it is sent, keeping it separate from the dues.

Second—That Treasurers of Auxiliaries make special efforts to collect 10 cents per month, that is \$1.20 per year from each member of the Society.

Third—That our members be urged to adopt a method of systematic giving.

Fourth—We would call the attention of Auxiliaries to Article 5 in the by-laws for Auxiliaries, which makes it the duty of the Third Vice-President to take charge of the Baby Roll, collect the enrollment fee of 25 cents and also collect the offerings from the Baby Mite Boxes every quarter. In this connection, we would recommend that this body elect a Superintendent of the Baby Roll, whose duty it shall be to keep a correct list of its members, to actively endeavor to secure new members, and to arouse an interest in this department throughout the bounds of our Conference.

Fifth—We believe it to be very greatly to our advantage to have our minutes published, therefore, we would ask that each Auxiliary contribute 50 cents to defray this expense.

MRS. O. T. HORCHKISS,
MRS. S. A. PRESTIDGE,
MRS. GEO. FULTON.

Literature and Presswork.

Your Committee on Literature and Press Work beg leave to submit the following recommendations:

1. That "*Our Homes*," the organ of our Society and a religious monthly, meeting our highest praise, be placed, so far as may be, in the hands of every member of every Auxiliary in the Conference. To keep the members informed as to what is being done and as to what are the most urgent needs of the work, we deem an absolute necessity if efficient work is to be accomplished.
2. That we thank the editor of our *Texas Christian Advocate*

for the space allowed us in his valuable paper and that we show this appreciation by contributing more often to that department—a privilege the societies of this Conference have taken advantage of but seldom.

3. We want to emphasize the importance of the course of reading arranged by the General Board, and would advise that this be attended to as early as possible in the coming year. Especially is regular and careful Bible study urged.

4. We would recommend that the proceedings of this body be printed under the same cover with those of the Texas Conference, for reasons of economy as well as convenience.

MRS. Z. W. BARTLETT, Chairman,
MRS. R. J. BRIGGS,
MRS. T. B. COLLINS.

Report of Committee on Extension of Work.

1. In view of the great importance of the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society in its earnest endeavor to promote the comfort and advance the work of our preachers, we earnestly request their coöperation and sympathy.

2. That all pastors be requested to preach at least one sermon during the year in the interest of the Home Mission Society.

3. That we earnestly endeavor to secure a District Secretary for each District in the bounds of the Conference. We would suggest that some means be provided which will enable these Secretaries to visit each charge in her District at least once during the year. We would also suggest, in view of the great difficulties to be encountered, that they be upheld by our sympathy and prayers.

4. That the President, or some one appointed to perform this duty, visit each new member of her church and invite her to join the Home Mission Society.

5. That Presidents see that reports are sent promptly to the District Secretaries and the Conference Secretary and Treasurer by the first of September, December, March and June.

6. That Superintendents be elected to take charge of different

lines of work to be taken up by the Home Mission Society in our Conference.

7. We would recommend that each Auxiliary secure the co-operation of the Epworth League in our connectional work.

8. We would urge the use of the Wolf Record books by all corresponding secretaries and treasurers.

9. That Auxiliaries hold at least one public meeting during the year, at which time our work shall be presented to the whole membership.

10. That some means be devised whereby we can defray the expenses of a general organizer.

MRS. I. M. E. BLANDIN,
MRS. G. L. CONOLY,
MRS. T. B. COLLINS.

Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following:

Realizing the urgent need of education along all lines of our work, and knowing of no better means through which to educate our people than through this most excellent paper, "*Our Homes*," therefore,

Resolved, first, That we hereby heartily endorse the paper and pledge our *best* efforts to raise subscriptions for same.

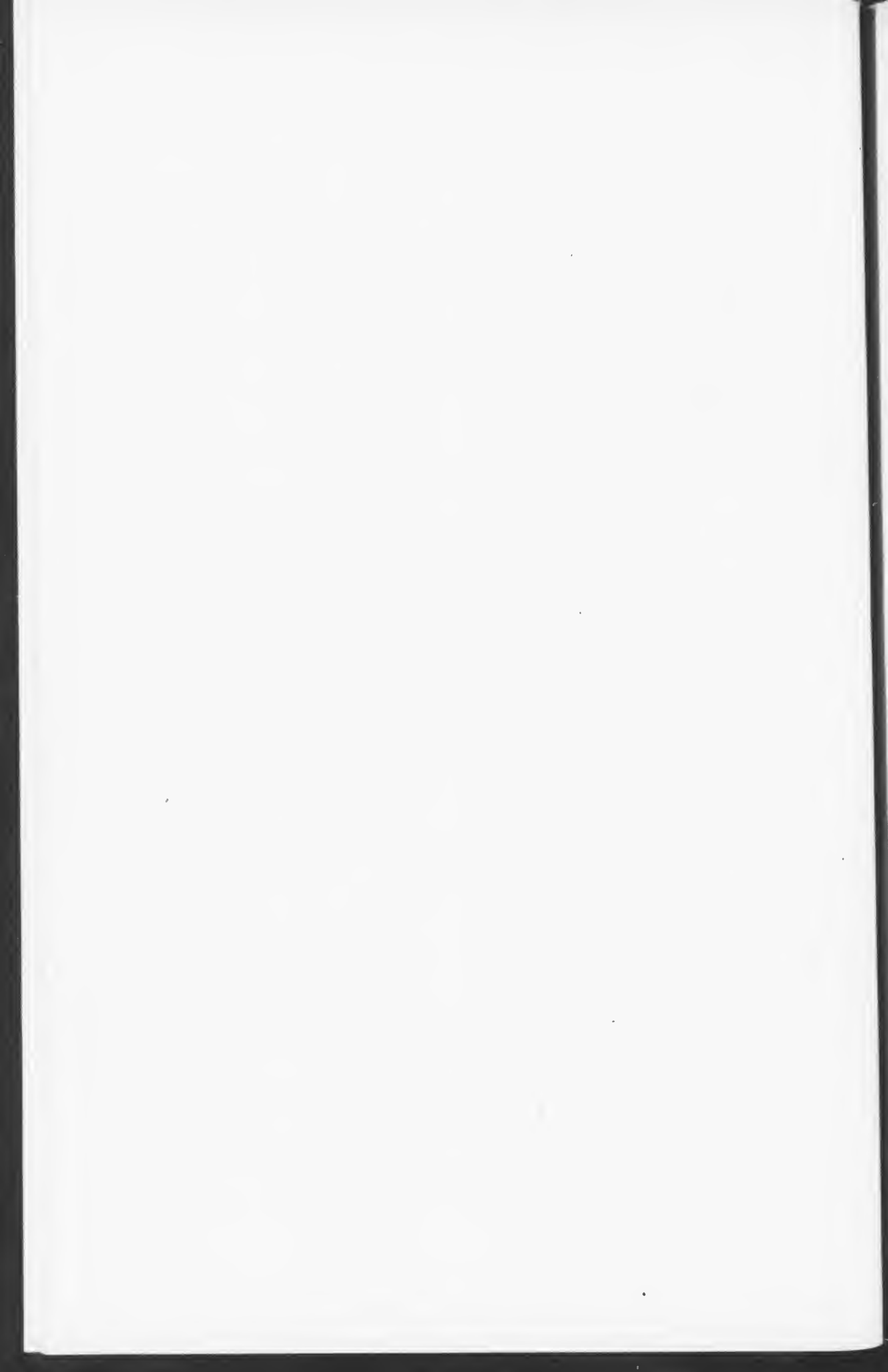
Resolved, second, That we, as members of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Texas Conference, interest ourselves especially in the Rescue Home of San Antonio, since the Texas Conference in a measure accepted this institution as our own. And that we pledge the sum of two hundred dollars this year for the liquidation of the debt on the Home.

With profound gratitude to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts, we would extend the thanks of this Society to the good people of Marlin for their most hospitable entertainment and for their attendance upon our sessions. To the pastor and members of the Presbyterian Church for the use of their nice and comfortable church. To Bro. Oxley and others for kind words of encouragement.

Resolved, further, That we deeply deplore the fact that our President, Mrs. C. J. Oxley, was not able to be in attendance on our session, and sympathize with her in that she has had so much sickness in her family and pray that God, in His Allwise Providence, may speedily restore her and her daughter to their wonted health. That we regret to lose her as President and recommend as her successor the dear little woman who has made us such a good presiding officer, Mrs. S. W. Thomas.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. D. CAMPBELL
For Committee.



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